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## THE PREVENTION OF PIRACY.

## HOME GOVERNMENT'S VIEWPOINT.

## RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH SHIPPING COMPANIES.

## EXTRALITY QUESTION.

London, Dec. 23. China problems formed the subject of numerous questions in the House of Commons to-day, piracy and banditry particularly attracting attention. Mr. Alexander said that the responsibility of preventing piracy rested largely with the shipping companies, and no indication was given of a change of decision regarding the withdrawal of piracy guards in April.

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## HAICHING PIRACY SEQUEL.

### SECOND OFFICER GETS A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

### TO GO TO HOSPITAL.

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## POLICY IN EGYPT DEBATED.

### MASTERLY SPEECH BY MR. HENDERSON.

### NO MEDDLING WITH INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

### REMOVING SUSPICION.

London, Dec. 23. The Government's policy in Egypt was raised in Parliament to-day, on a motion for adjournment, by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was Mr. Baldwin's Foreign Secretary.

It had long been expected that there would be serious difficulties to be faced, and this proved to be only too true. Many brokers were at their wits' ends to meet their obligations.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was open until midnight for the purpose of making adjustments in regard to the millions of talents involved.

London, Dec. 23. The time had not come, if ever it should come, when we could divest ourselves of any part of our responsibility for the Government of the Sudan and share again the responsibility for it with the Egyptian people.

As a result, nineteen women were killed and man was also fatally shot. Ten women also died from wounds. There were other casualties when eight women were pushed into the river when the mob made a rush, all eight being drowned.

Dr. Shields added that the officers on the spot were satisfied that the opening of fire by the troops was the only possible course to save life and property.

Markpepple Jaja, the Chieftain, who was captured by the mob and subsequently released by troops, had stated that the plan had been drawn up on the assumption that women would not be fired on.

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#### HEALTH POSTERS VETOED.

#### CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT AT SANITARY BOARD.

#### PLAIN SPEAKING.

The action of the Government in vetoing the publication of two coloured health-propaganda posters which had been approved by the Sanitary Board, was unfavourably commented upon by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. M. K. Lo, at yesterday's meeting of the Board.

The Board approved a proposal for the election of Mr. M. K. Lo to be a member of the Committee for the Colonial Cemetery.

Speaking with regard to a minute dealing with the publication of coloured health propaganda posters, the President recalled that in September of this year the Board considered certain coloured posters. They were referred to Government and he was instructed to inform the Board that the Government did not consider the publication of the posters as a whole desirable, and that the officers of the Education Department were not in favour of the posters being used in schools. The general objection was that while the posters themselves taught a lesson, they would not convey the whole of the lesson desired. They would require a considerable amount of explanation by word of mouth before they could convey their message.

At present it was not proposed to publish them and the matter would therefore remain in abeyance and would be reconsidered by a Committee appointed by the Board a little later, which would go into the whole question of health propaganda.

Mr. Braga criticised the veto on what he called a point of principle. He stated that there were two types of poster, prepared after much time and thought. As a matter of principle, he said, he would like to know to what extent the recommendations of the Board were going to be vetoed or rejected in future, because it seemed that motions supported and entirely approved by the whole Board, were sent to Departments which, to his mind, assumed the right of vetoing proposals of the Board, which, after all, reduced the work of the Board to something of a farce.

He took it that members of the Board were more or less busy men who took their duties and responsibilities on the matters which came before them very seriously. He spoke not merely for himself, but, he believed, he could fairly speak for all the Unofficial Members of the Board. They did not regard their duties as merely perfunctory but they gave a lot of time and attention. If their decisions were to be turned down on any and every question of importance, they might just as well be told whether they were wanted or not and then they would not waste their time, any more. "It is a matter of principle, Sir. The sooner we are told, I think it will be the better for all concerned."

#### No Harm in Posters.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that he welcomed the opportunity to express an opinion as he had been hoping that the President would have put forward some expression of opinion. The thoughts expressed by Mr. Braga had also gone through his (Mr. Lo's) mind. He would ask whether it was really of any use the sub-committee mentioned reconsidering the posters at all? In recalling the history of the matter, Mr. Lo said it was an adjourned time after time, for the deliberate consideration of the members of the Board.

Mr. Lo went on to say that the posters were passed and advocated

and supported by the then Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Fawcett, who was very keen and enthusiastic about the posters. Speaking for himself, Mr. Lo stated he saw no harm in the posters being posted or distributed and he deliberately gave his consent. He appreciated that there might be differences of view as to the value of the posters, and at the time he did not seriously consider the constitutional point as to whether they had the right to consider them. The Board were asked to consider them and they did consider them. There was no hint of any kind that their decision was subject to a higher veto. The money proposed to be expended was \$200 or \$300, being an amount they did consider them.

Having thus arrived at a deliberate decision on the matter, all that the Board was treated to was an intimation, effected through the President, that the posters had not been sanctioned. Although he was not a member of the sub-committee who were to review the whole matter, he did appreciate Mr. Braga's asking for some information as to their powers, because if their recommendations were vetoed in the way the present matter had been, then even as a member of the sub-committee he would not be prepared to give the time because he felt it would be futile, the decision having been passed by the full Board. The history of the matter had done no good to the authority and prestige of the Board. As a new member he felt he had to say that he regretted it very much and he thought it deserved, perhaps, a fuller statement than had been given in regard to the action of the Government in the matter.

#### President's Reply.

In replying, Mr. Carrie said he thought that the speakers were considering the matter a little more seriously than was warranted. Obviously, if they wished to publish various posters, the Government must have its final say as to what was to be displayed in the Colony. If they were going to put up posters on Government buildings, and perhaps lampposts, then obviously the Government must keep to itself the right to veto anything of that nature and, he thought, that was all there was in the matter. He did not think there was any slur on the Board whatever, in not recommending the two posters. He had never looked at it in that light and he felt sure that when the sub-committee brought up a fully worked-out scheme of which the Board approved, the Government would give it the most sympathetic consideration. He did not think he could say any more.

Mr. Lo:—Can we test it this way. Suppose we don't put them on public buildings or lampposts, but merely print and distribute them does the veto apply?

Mr. Carrie:—That question was not put before the Government.

#### Market Stalls.

Dealing with a Memorandum (by the President) on Shek Tong Tsui Market Stalls, Mr. Carrie said the matter arose through two anonymous letters, one of which he received himself and the other was sent to His Excellency, the Governor, making complaints about the manner in which the market was run. He had drawn up a Memorandum showing certain proposed re-arrangements of the stalls and he proposed that it should come into force three months hence. Mr. Lo had made a note on the minute paper to the effect that he would like to hear the other side, if possible. Mr. Carrie continued that the people concerned would have three months in which to bring forward any objections, and any objections so brought would be considered.

Mr. Lo:—But will they be notified?

Mr. Carrie:—Yes, they will be given three months' notice.

Mr. Braga said that the question of market rates was an old one and he had brought it up at the Board two years ago. It did not seem to him to be a right principle to allow market renters to enjoy practically what one-night term an

"hereditary monopoly." In the case of Shek Tong Tsui, the stallholders had practically held the licence for the stalls since 1911, if his memory served him rightly.

Mr. Braga continued that that was particularly noticeable in the President's mind was the fact that upon the President's inspection, with the C.V.S., for which he thought members of the Board should be grateful, he discovered a small opium business in the market.

Mr. Carrie remarked that that was an error and the opium found was not in the market. It was, in fact, in the coolie quarters.

#### Visits Desirable.

Mr. Braga went on to say that nevertheless it was within the market building and that was the point he wished to make. To his mind that matter was most unsatisfactory and went to prove that there was some laxity in the matter of market inspection. He thought that, as members of the Board, they should take upon themselves the duty of periodically making surprise inspections of markets from time to time. Mr. Braga said he thought the matter should devolve upon a sub-committee of the Board consisting of Official Members, and Unofficial Members who would, among their duties assigned to them, include one of periodically making visits to the markets with notice.

There were markets on the Hongkong side of the harbour as well as in Kowloon. If the practice he suggested was carried into effect they would certainly not have it as a disagreeable surprise that within a market building an opium business was being carried on.

With regard to the question of renting stalls, he quite agreed with the President's suggestions. The "hereditary" system among the stallholders enabled them to exercise some power in keeping up the price of meat which, to the speaker's mind, added to the cost of living.

Reverting to the question of the opium business, he was not discovered by himself or the C.V.S., but by the Inspector and he, Mr. Carrie, did not think there was really any reason why it should have been discovered before. The market was in a curious position and could only be approached from one direction and anybody approaching could be seen while still a long way away. He knew that the Inspector visited the market regularly but there was ample time for the opium to be put out of sight before he actually arrived at the market. Further, the opium was discovered in the coolie quarters and not in the market building. They were quite separate. The coolie was visited by his wife and he abused the excellent job he had to run the opium business.

Mr. Carrie added he did not think the Inspector was to be blamed for not finding it earlier and it was only discovered by the Inspector when he rushed up in a car that morning.

#### System Defended.

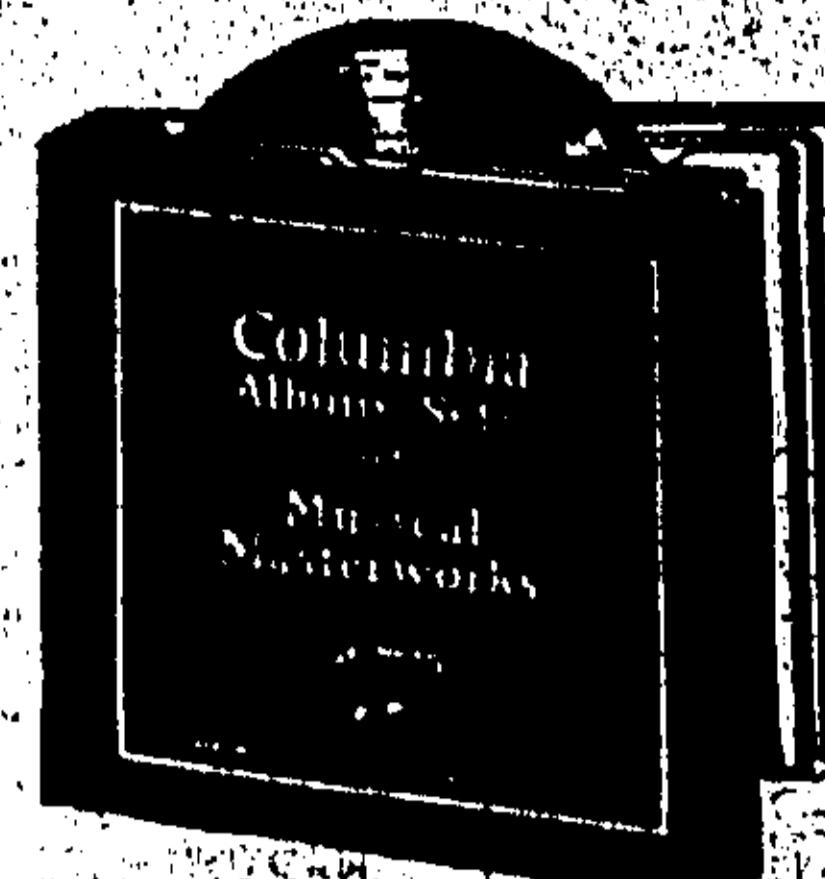
With regard to the "hereditary" system, the President said he disagreed very strongly with Mr. Braga. A man paid for a stall, or for two or three stalls. So long as he remained and did active business in all his stalls, the President said he did not think there was any ground for putting such a man out. They would do so in the event of competition being eliminated as they would have very strong grounds in such a case.

Reverting to his proposition, Mr. Carrie said it required the cancellation of three stalls where no business was being done at present, and changing the position of three vegetable stalls to another position. Three of the stalls would be put up for auction.

The memorandum was approved. In addition to Mr. W. J. Carrie (President) there were present the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Major Cheyne, M.C., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

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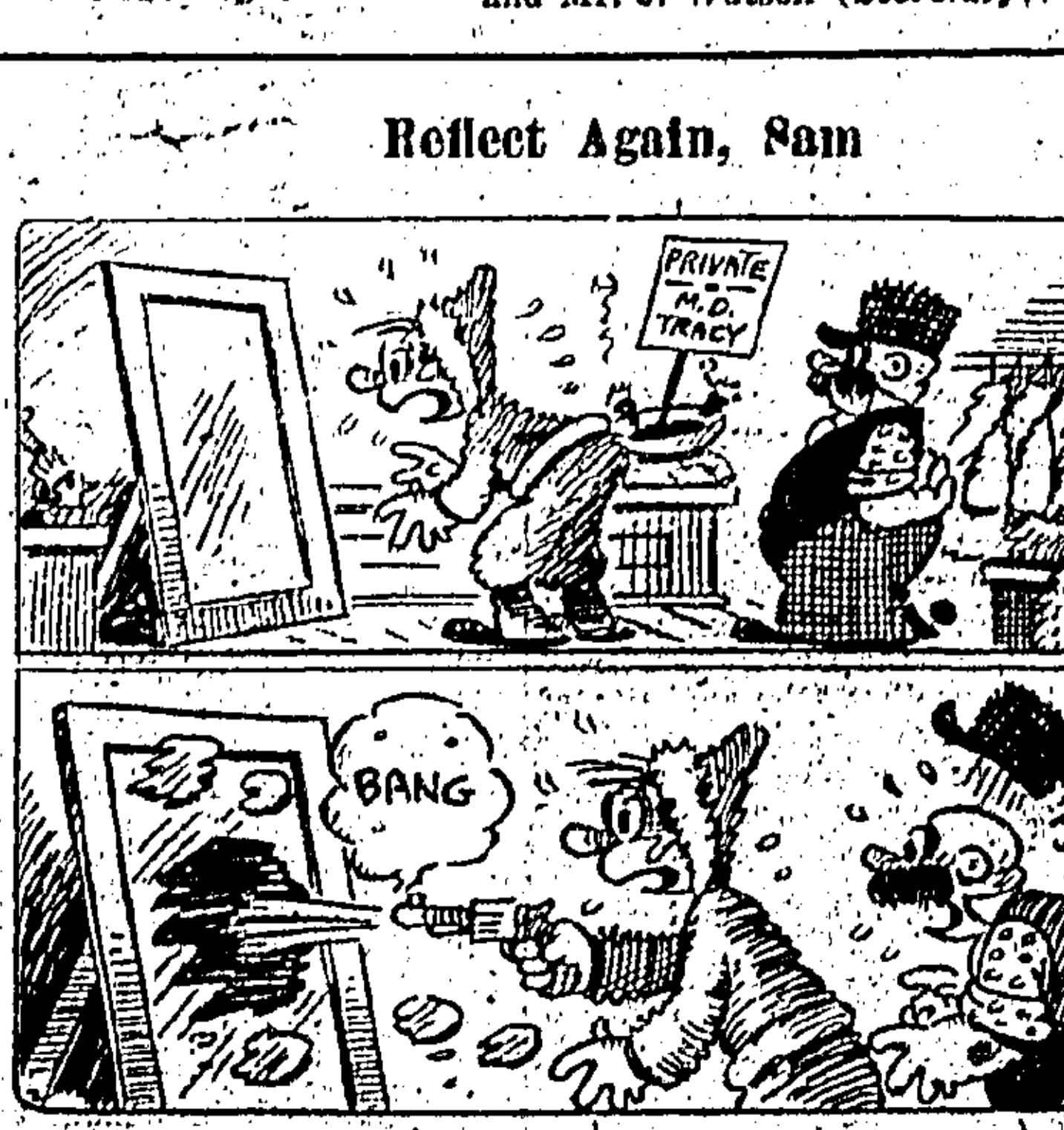
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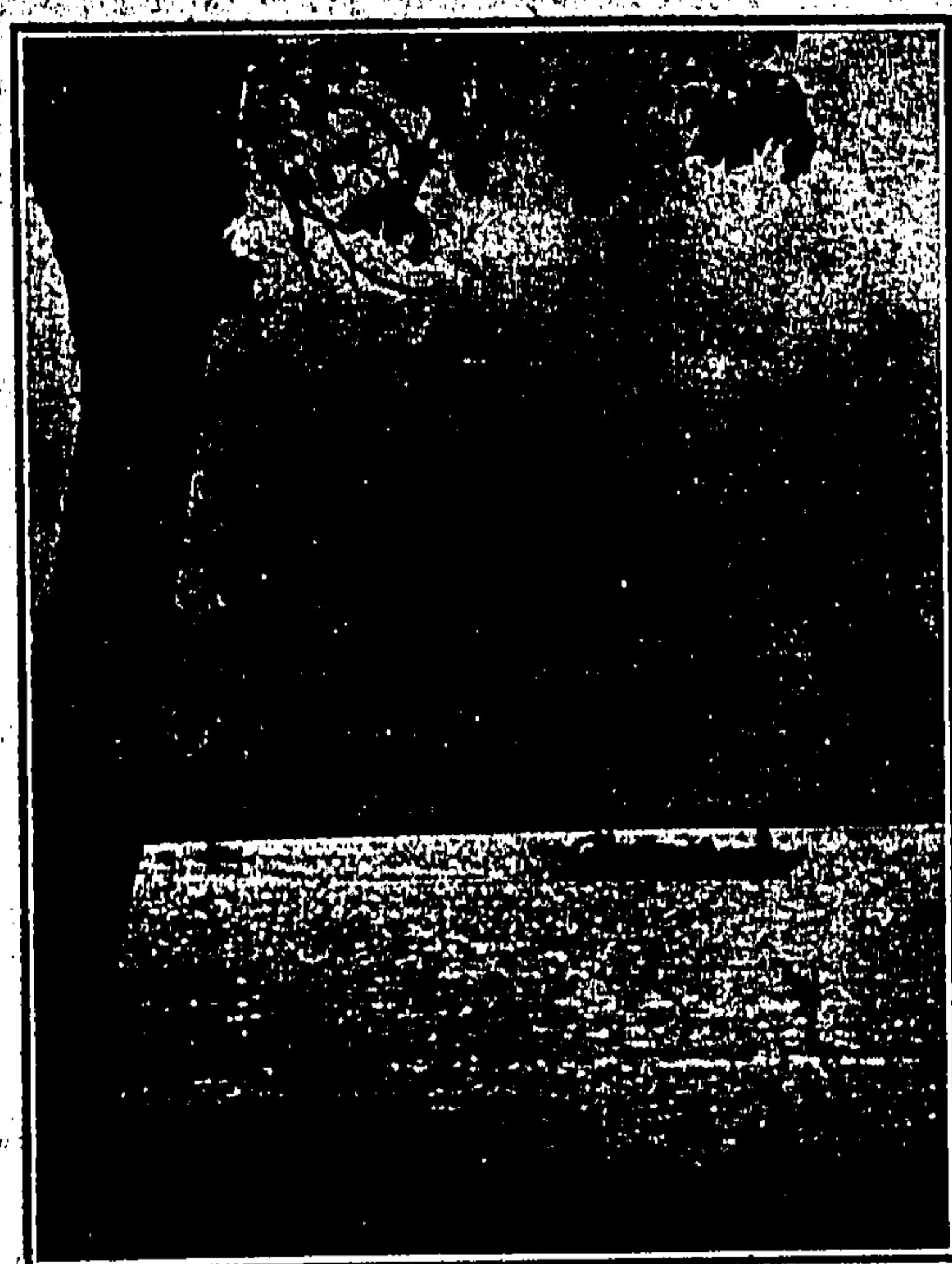
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A spectacular blaze at an apartment building in the course of construction in New York. One workman, trapped by the flames, was burned to death. This was the most recent of many mysterious apartment-house fires recently.



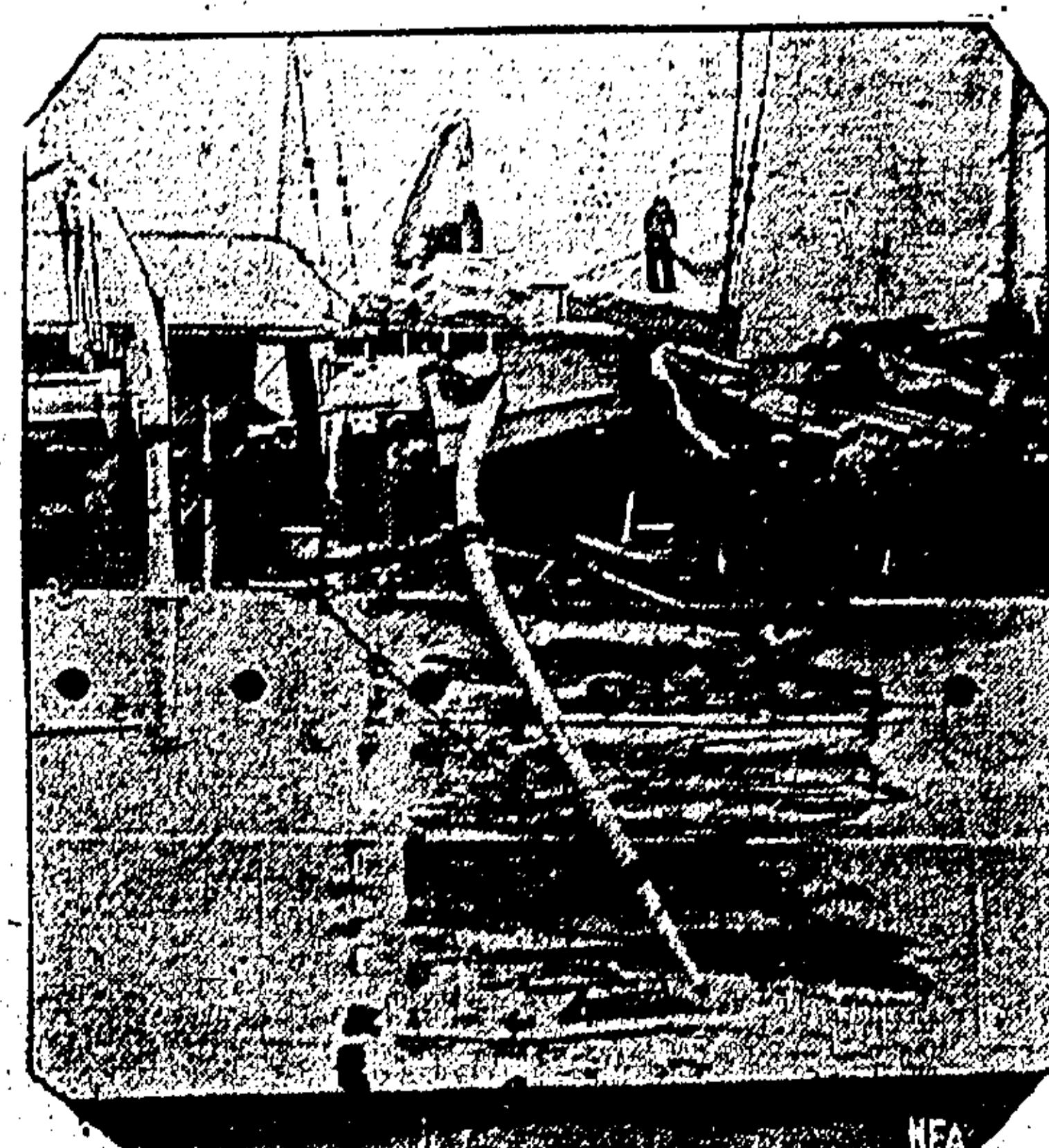
Group taken during the "annual frolic" of the American School, Shanghai. An interesting day was had by visitors as they were "forced" to divide into four teams for an athletic meeting for the benefit of the School.



Twelve reasons why the "Frivolities of 1930," given by the U. S. Marine Corps in Shanghai recently proved such a success. Mr. A. S. Maxwell, the gentleman in the straw hat, was responsible for a major portion of the evening's merriment, but the "ladies" of the ensemble drew warm applause also.



Pte. Dubrey and Sgt. Davis of "B" Company, S.V.C., winners of the Lewis Gun Competition of the S.V.C. This team registered a "possible" of 80 hits.



In "a pea soup fog," according to the commander of the U.S.S. Marblehead, the cruiser collided with the 3900-ton freighter Evansville off Nantucket lightship, Mass., and above is shown the damage done to the navy vessel, pictured after it had docked at Boston.



Mr. J. D. Bush, Vice-President of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. in Hongkong and Secretary of the Anti-Mul Teal Society.



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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held immediately after such Ordinary Yearly Meeting and at the same place, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz.:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, 15th January, 1930, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed New Articles of Association of the Company can be seen, during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

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## RADIO NOTICES.

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Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so prescribed.

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Japan Szechuan ..... December 25.

Europe via Nagapatanam, (Letters) only, London 28th Nov.) Takada ..... December 27.

Straits Mirzapore ..... December 27.

Japan and Shanghai Suwa Maru ..... December 27.

Canada (Victoria B.C. 7th Dec.) U.S.A., (Honolulu, Japan and 40th Dec.) Empress of Canada ..... December 28.

Shanghai ..... December 28.

U.S.A., (San Francisco 29th Nov.) President Garfield ..... December 28.

Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai ..... Pres. Madison ..... December 29.

Manila ..... Mishima Maru ..... December 30.

U.S.A. (San Francisco 6th December) President Pierce ..... December 30.

Hawaii ..... Tung Yen ..... December 31.

Japan and Shanghai Rajputana ..... January 3.

## OUTWARD MAIIS.

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K. P. O. Registration ..... 4.30 p.m.

Letters ..... 4.30 p.m.

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via Thursday Island ..... Tung Maru ..... Tues., Dec. 24.

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(Due Thursday Island 6th Jan.)

Haiyang ..... Wed., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

Yingchow ..... Wed., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

Menado Maru ..... Thurs., Dec. 26, 8.30 a.m.

Kalian ..... Thurs., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.

Bromerhaven ..... Thurs., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.

Tilawa ..... Fri., Dec. 27.

Parcels ..... 1 p.m.

Letters ..... noon.

Shanghai ..... Mirzapore ..... Fri., Dec. 27.

Registration ..... 5 p.m.

Letters ..... 6 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 28. K.P.O.

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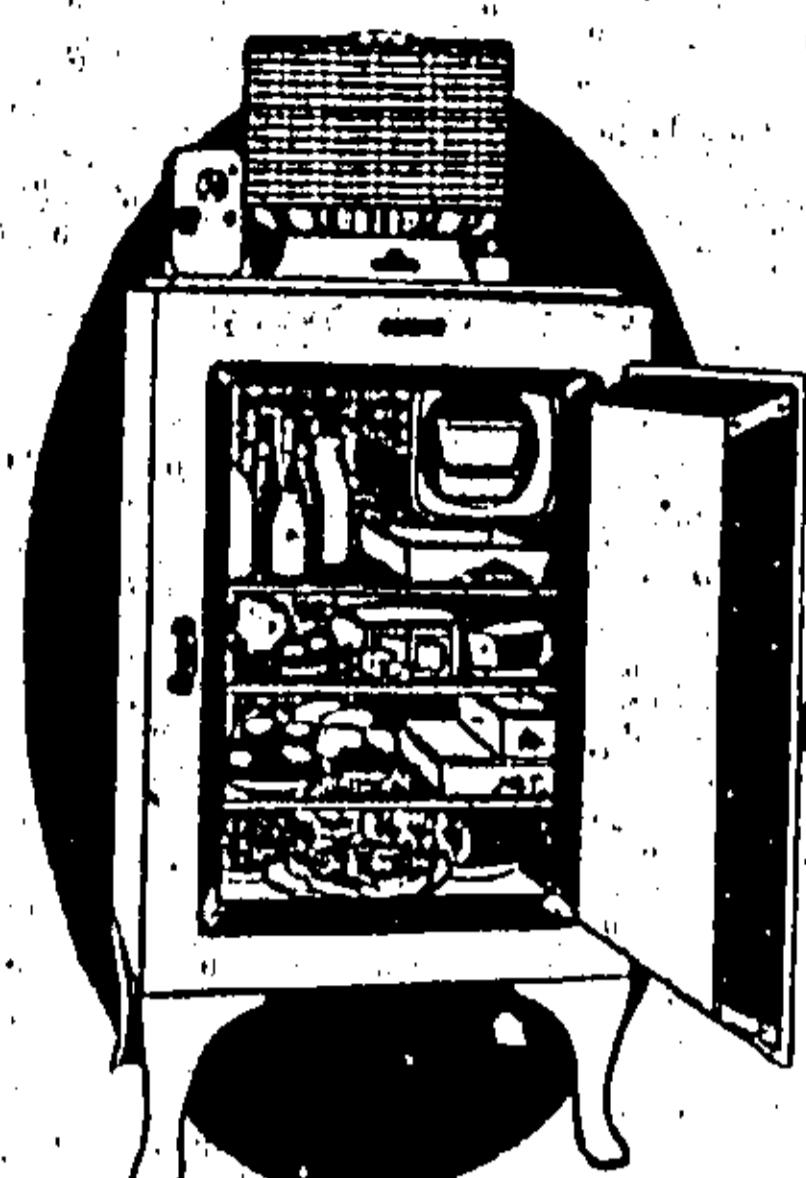
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Over 250 lives were lost when the s.s. Lee Cheung, a locally-owned Chinese boat, went down during a north-easterly gale on Saturday night off Fukien Point. A vessel of 102 tons net, she has become a total wreck and it would appear also that of the whole number of persons on board, only two have survived. As reported yesterday there had been much anxiety when the Lee Cheung did not reach Hongkong during the week-end.

The vessel left Sammel, in the ordinary course of events, on her return to Hongkong. On the trip back, she called at a number of intermediate points, and her movements up to the time she left Shamunkwan, were duly recorded. The s.s. Cheung On reported passing the ill-fated vessel on the way up from Ping Ho, while at the latter port the agents stated that she effected a clearance at 2 p.m. and proceeded on her way to Shamunkwan.

Dusk had fallen when the Lee Cheung arrived at Shamunkwan at 6 o'clock the same evening. To reach the spot when disaster befell her, off Fukien Point, the steamer would have to steam more than two hours in the open sea. Conditions approximating a gale set in, and with the north-east monsoon blowing hard, the vessel found herself in difficulties.

It is stated by the owners that the ship was top-heavy, but whatever might be the reason, it is evident from the accounts brought back by the survivors, that she was in no condition to meet the gale of the force that was then raging. High seas broke over her decks, the pumps were unable to cope with the inflow, and within a remarkably short space of time, we are told, the ship became completely waterlogged. She listed over to port with the direction of the wind, and turned turtle. In less than 25 minutes, the ship disappeared from sight, leaving no trace to indicate the spot where she sank.

**Heavy Loss of Life.**

As to what happened to the two hundred, or so passengers and crew who were on board, it could be believed that they had very little time or opportunity, under the circumstances, to save themselves. The accounts brought back by the two solitary survivors, touched on the distressing scenes which ensued when the inevitable had to be faced. There was a laudable effort on the part of Captain and crew to launch the boats. A few rafts did eventually float out, but it was a case of every man for himself, and those who were not trapped when the ship turned over, did not fare much better in the open sea. They speak of over 25 people being Leung So, the skipper. He joined me and we both clung on to the raft. We drifted along throughout the night and at about 4 a.m. I could see that Leung So was in very bad condition. My worst fears were realized a few minutes later when I saw him lose his hold and go under. Left alone, I was on the point of giving up hope when I saw a fishing junk sailing in my direction. The occupants were on the look-out for other survivors as they had already picked up Leung Kwan an hour before, at the south of Wugian, and it was not long before they espied me, and took me on board and treated me very kindly, giving me food and clothes.

Captain Leung So and a seaman, succeeded in getting on one of the rafts, so also did another seaman, and they are all who are known to have escaped from the wreck. The first-named however, succumbed to cold and exposure, leaving his companion to be picked the following morning, at 7 o'clock by a passing fishing junk. The other seaman was also rescued by a junk. Both had drifted many miles before succour arrived.

Upon their return to the Colony yesterday morning, the two seamen reported the disaster at the offices of the owners, the Fook Ho, of No. 67, Connaught Road Central. The Wing Lee, a fair-sized launch, was immediately chartered to go out to look for the wreckage. It returned later in the day, reporting that those aboard had not discovered any signs of the ill-fated vessel. It had completely gone under, leaving not so much as a plank floating, to quote the words of the manager of the Company.

Particulars supplied to our representative are to the effect that the Lee Cheung was formerly the Cheun Chow, and had been in the possession of the Fook Ho some ten years, not very long after her launching from a local Chinese shipyard. It was only recently that she had been overhauled and reconditioned, at an expenditure, so the Company, states, of \$20,000. She was then valued at \$60,000, and the important fact for the Company is that she was not covered by insurance.

The ship's complement, stated to be 30, included four anti-piracy Indian guards and members of the comprador department. It is not known how many passengers were on board, but taking the average number carried by the ship on these trips, there must be about a hundred taken aboard from the various points of embarkation. As

stated, all perished, with the exception of two of the crew.

The cargo, so far as is known, consisted of a quantity of livestock, made up of 23 head of cattle, about 200 pigs, over a hundred crates of eggs and a small quantity of fish. In addition, it is known that the vessel carried over \$10,000 in silver. Presumably, none of these items is covered by insurance.

**Survivor's Story.**

Dressed in borrowed clothing, the two survivors Chung Yau and Leung Kwan were surrounded by a large crowd of people in the offices of the Fook Ho Co., the whole of yesterday afternoon, answering the many questions put to them by anxious relatives of the crew.

"My husband's name is Lum He is one of the sailors on the Lee Cheung. Do you know what has happened to him?" asked one woman who, by the way she allowed her hair to fall loosely over her back according to the Chinese custom in times of grief, did not seem very optimistic.

"The steamer sank so quickly that we had no time to do anything. It was everybody for himself. I did not see your husband. I am sorry," was the reply.

Chung Yau, interviewed, said, "The Lee Cheung left Sammel at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. The sea was rough and a strong wind was blowing when we left but the conditions were nothing compared to those we encountered later. We arrived at Sammel at 5.45 p.m. the same day and after discharging our cargo we left again for Hongkong at 8 p.m. After we had been an hour under way, the sea became rougher and the steamer was badly buffeted about.

"Another hour of steaming in this weather found the vessel and the crew in a sorry state. The ship had taken a list to port by this time and all the passengers were ordered down below. There were nearly 200 passengers on board including many children, whose screams could be heard at times above the roar of the waves.

"The skipper was desperate and tried one thing after another without success. At first he ordered all the cargo to be thrown overboard. There were many heads of cattle and about 200 pigs on the ship, but we knew it was useless trying to throw the cattle overboard, and we did not do it.

"He then manoeuvred the vessel's head against the wind by putting the helm hard aport, but it was too late then. A heavy gust of wind and a mountainous wave almost turned the vessel over and she sank before the crew could lower the lifeboats. Some people managed to obtain lifebuoys but others were not so fortunate.

**A Lucky Man.**

"I was among the latter," continued Chung Yau with a grimace. "The next thing I knew was to find myself in the water. I was very lucky. A raft was floating near me and I immediately grabbed hold of it. Barely a dozen persons were in the water when I looked round, among them being Leung So, the skipper. He joined me and we both clung on to the raft. We drifted along throughout the night and at about 4 a.m. I could see that Leung So was in very bad condition. My worst fears were realized a few minutes later when I saw him lose his hold and go under. Left alone, I was on the point of giving up hope when I saw a fishing junk sailing in my direction. The occupants were on the look-out for other survivors as they had already picked up Leung Kwan an hour before, at the south of Wugian, and it was not long before they espied me, and took me on board and treated me very kindly, giving me food and clothes.

One of the crowd of people turned to the master of the fishing junk who was present listening to the tale and asked, "Would you have taken Leung So on board if you had found him even if he was dead?"

"Yes," he said. "According to a Chinese saying that would bring you bad luck. Aren't you superstitious?" he was again asked.

"No, I am a Christian," he answered simply.

**Over 250 Missing.**

The skipper, was connected with the vessel for two years, was 55 years old and leaves a wife and daughter in Yau-mui. The chief officer was named Shek Gan, 36 years old, and was connected with the Fook Ho Shipping Company for over ten years. The chief engineer, named Fung Woo, was 40 years old. The whole crew consisted of 44 Chinese, and it is stated by the vernacular papers that there may have been fully 200 passengers on board.

A police report last night confirms that there were altogether 262 persons (passenger and crew) on the ship, of whom only two are known to have been saved. Police launches are still cruising in the vicinity.



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Speaking of the statement of affairs filed with him by Mr. Brewer on July 2 of this year, witness said that he found that unpaid calls, amounting to \$1,130,000, were not included in the summary of capital uncancelled and unpaid. The applications for shares being bad, he could not regard the amounts as being an asset of the Company.

Speaking of the collateral security loans, witness said the item was made up of receipt forms which had been produced. It also included an amount of \$54,700 actually given by a man named Chan Sze-chuen and which might be properly recorded at the time of the balance sheet. That amount had, as a matter of fact, been taken into consideration in a compromise which witness had arrived at with the shareholder concerned.

## Cash and Loans.

Witness had recovered nothing from the "loans" made on the receipts. So far he had issued a writ against one man and there was a possibility of getting something on it. In the period between June and July, 1928, the period of the balance sheet, the Bank had no more than \$50,000, according to the cash book, and out of this it purported to make loans to shareholders to the tune of \$761,000.

Speaking on collateral security loans, witness said they were loans "secured" on what purported to be allotted shares, but to be worth anything, they must be secured independently of shares. The value of the shares was entirely dependent on the assets of the Bank, and as the assets at that time amounted to practically nothing, by the same process of reasoning the collateral security loans were worth nothing. Witness had not found any receipts which would go to show that any loans had been paid.

Speaking of Mortgages, witness said he had not found any mortgages which would bear out this item, except for the one amounting to \$2,500 secured on New Territories property. This item,

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## THE BALANCE SHEET.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver, was a witness yesterday in the case against Mr. N. I. Brewer, barrister-at-law, who is charged under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in the matter of the preparation and filing of a balance sheet of the Instone Banking Corporation.

After Leo Kon-shan, the first clerk at the Land Office, had given evidence as to the filing of the memorials of two mortgages, amounting to \$150,000 and \$20,000 respectively, on the Instone Banking Corporation building at Des Voeux Road, Mr. George Labrum, manager of Ye Olde Printer, was recalled. He said that the order for copies of the 1928 balance sheet was brought to him by Mrs. Brewer and not by a messenger as stated in evidence by a previous witness. Usually, an entry in the day book was made with the order, but he agreed, as possible, that assuming that they had received the order, the type was set up before the date of June 21, 1928.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver and Liquidator of the Instone Banking Corporation, said that the winding up order was made on June 10 last. Since that date, he had been engaged, on and off, in investigating the affairs of the Bank. He called in the assistance of Mr. S. Hampden, Ross, desiring the latter to assist him by reporting, in particular, on the balance sheet, and to show him from which books the various items of the balance sheet had been extracted and how they were made up.

Witness investigated those books which he thought material, in particular, the head office ledger, the shareholders ledger, the Company's cash book, head office loans and investments, and the Company's minute book.

## No Cash Received.

Looking through the various items of the balance sheet, witness found that \$1,133,000 of the issued and subscribed capital had never been allotted. In arriving at that conclusion he considered the applications which had been received, and it struck him that they were bad applications, as from the books it did not appear as if any cash had been received. It did not appear also from the books that anything had been received on the 5 per cent. deposit, as provided by the Company's Articles of Constitution.

He also found that a transfer had been made from the capital accounts to allotments suspended account, on or about November 27, 1927, of an amount of \$923,000 deducted from the \$1,133,000 of the issued and subscribed capital; and that the amounts which had been previously debited to shareholders in the shareholders ledger, had been recredited and again debited to allotments suspense account.

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Witness had recovered nothing from the "loans" made on the receipts. So far he had issued a writ against one man and there was a possibility of getting something on it. In the period between June and July, 1928, the period of the balance sheet, the Bank had no more than \$50,000, according to the cash book, and out of this it purported to make loans to shareholders to the tune of \$761,000.

Speaking on collateral security loans, witness said they were loans "secured" on what purported to be allotted shares, but to be worth anything, they must be secured independently of shares. The value of the shares was entirely dependent on the assets of the Bank, and as the assets at that time amounted to practically nothing, by the same process of reasoning the collateral security loans were worth nothing. Witness had not found any receipts which would go to show that any loans had been paid.

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## TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

DRIVERS FINED FOR HAVING  
DEFECTIVE BRAKES.

During the hearing of the traffic cases before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the driver of a motor lorry was fined \$30 for failing to provide his vehicle with two independent and efficient brakes. The defendant was previously fined for a similar offence and had also been involved in an accident some months ago on account of defective brakes.

In another case, the driver of a lorry was fined \$20, it being stated that one of his brakes was fairly good. Sub-Inspector Mason informed his Worship that he had warned the defendant some weeks ago when he had intended to take him home but had forgotten.

The driver of a lorry, who was alleged to have driven out of Gascoigne Road and cut in front of two vehicles in Nathan Road, was fined \$10. It was stated that one of the cars in Nathan Road had to stop dead to avoid a collision.

On a charge of failing to report an accident, the driver of a lorry was fined \$10. The defendant was stated to have backed out of Waterloo Road and collided with a bus, smashing the driver's seat of the latter vehicle.

The defendant said that the accident was not a serious one and did not report it to the Police.

It was stated that the owner of the lorry had agreed to pay for the repairs to the bus.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on a bus driver, who was charged with failing to give the necessary signal when about to stop. The defendant remarked that he had to pull up suddenly as the conductor had given him a late signal to stop. He explained that if he had not pulled up suddenly he would have overrun the stopping place.

His Worship pointed out that if he pulled up suddenly it was more reason why he should have given a signal.

In witness' opinion, was false. The balance of \$260,000 was merely a cross-entry effected by the transfer of the Bank premises from one property account to another.

## Balance Sheet Effect.

Speaking of "stocks, shares and other investments," witness said that \$400,000 of this included shares in the Instone Trading Company, a firm which he found, was opened for the purpose of going into the imports and exports business. The only assets it possessed, however, were shares of the Instone Banking Corporation, and as these shares were worthless, the assets of the Trading Company were worthless. Reading that balance sheet, said witness, "one is given the impression of reading the balance sheet of a prosperous banking business, with large amounts of paid-up capital, customers' deposits in the neighbourhood of half-a-million, with liquid assets and loans on short terms and at call, amounting to three-and-a-half lakhs."

Mr. Davidson asked if what Mr. Agassiz had said was not a matter of comment, and Mr. Fitzroy replied that one of the charges against the accused was in connection with the preparation of a balance sheet calculated to induce people to entrust money in the Bank.

Continuing witness said that the "customers' deposits" amounting to \$260,000 was in reality made up of mortgage and long term loans, and were merely a cross-entry in the books.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson, the Official Receiver agreed that in law an allotment of shares amounted to a contract to take shares. He agreed that the system of double entry in book-keeping had to be followed, but said that what should have been done was to write down the value of the assets before transferring the balance to the balance sheet. The books, in other words, should have been put right before the balance sheet was made.

At the conclusion of the Official Receiver's evidence Mr. Fitzroy read large portions of the report of the public examination of Mr. Brewer to the Magistrate, in which the defendant stated that the balance sheet as printed was never signed or approved by him. It was altered in his absence and the publication was also done in his absence, and it was then too late to make any alterations.

He maintained that the balance sheet was not inaccurate in the commercial sense. He took the word of the auditors as he should do. There was not a word of a lie in the printed balance sheet. He was further reported to have stated in the examination that he did not agree that the balance sheet was misleading and inaccurate, as the auditor said it was customary.

Later in reply to what he considered the value of the shares to be, Mr. Brewer stated that in the ordinary sense \$300, but in a commercial sense \$100,000.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

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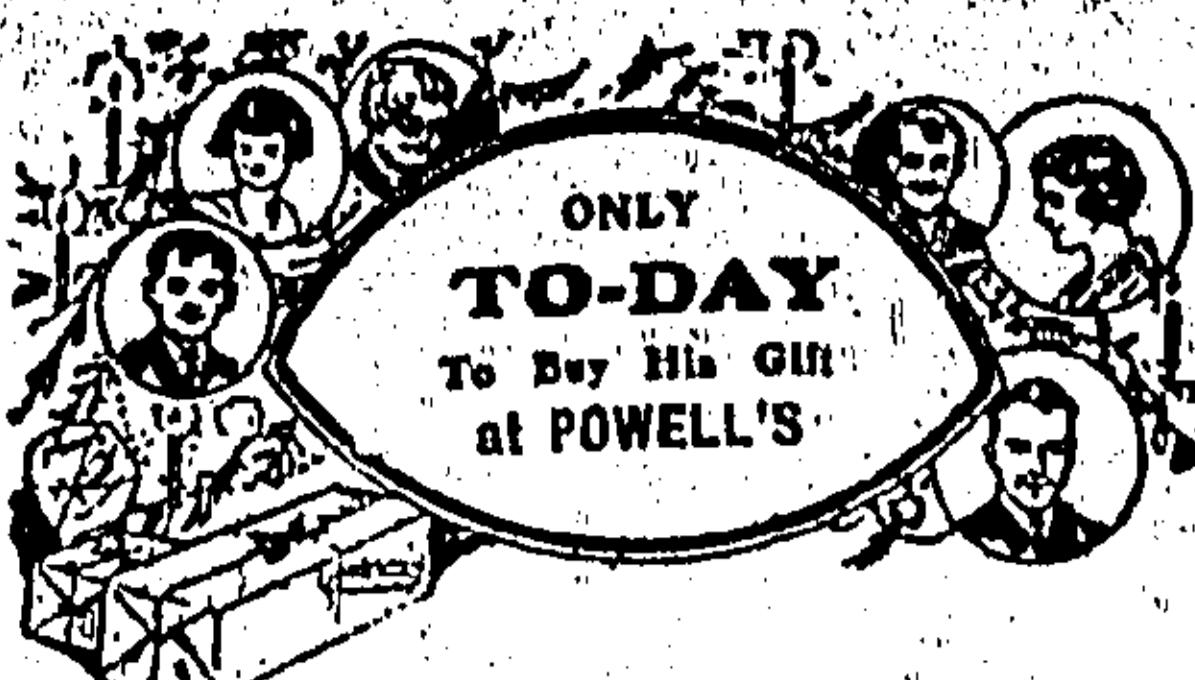
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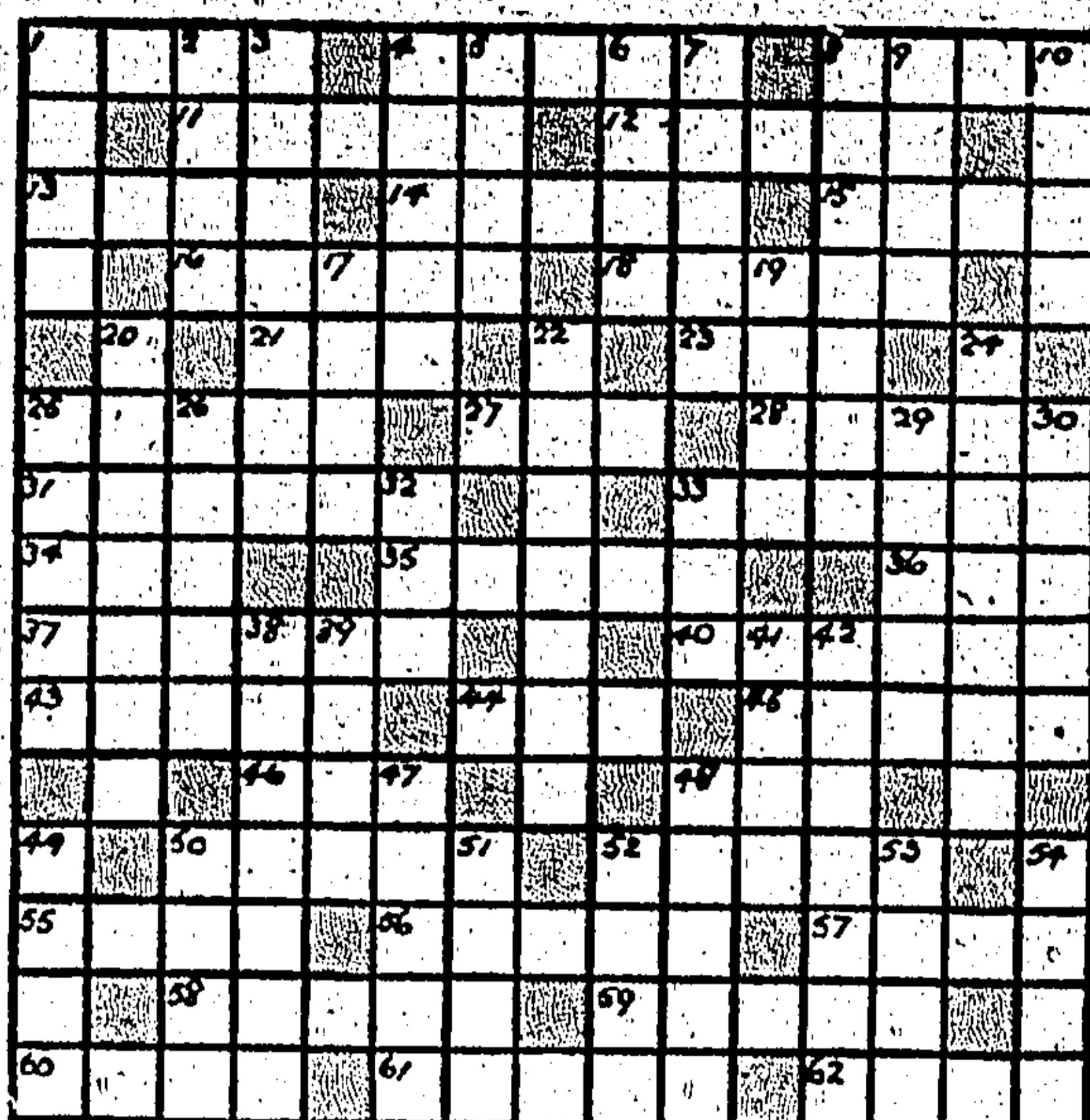
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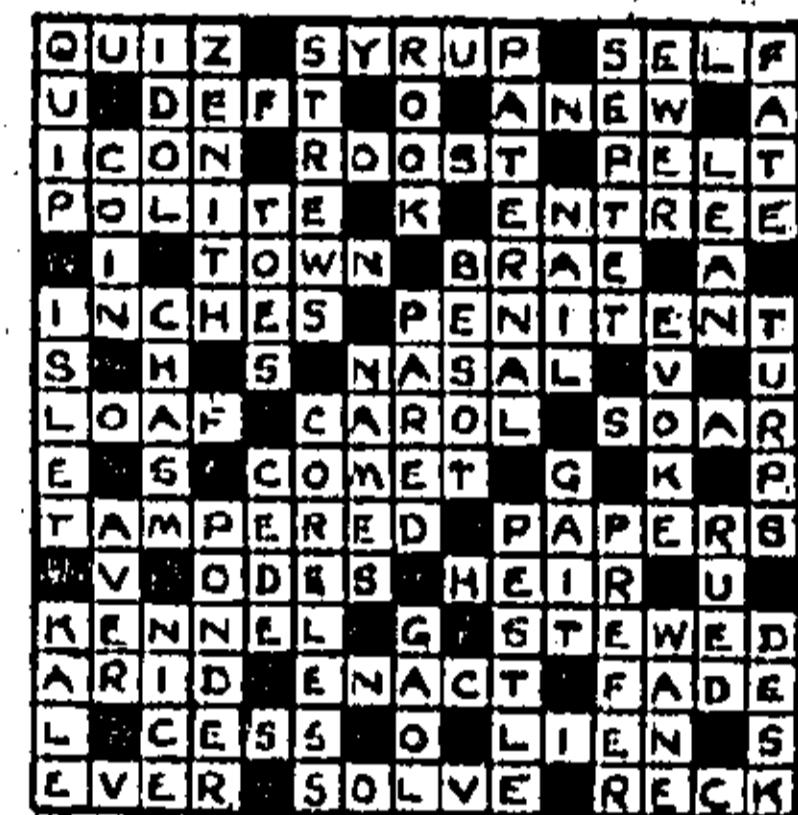
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## MARITIME QUESTIONS.

Hongkong, as a shipping port, is vitally interested in the matters which recently came before the International Labour Office of the League of Nations concerning the conditions of work amongst seafarers. Unfortunately, however, the significance and utility of the Conference were considerably impaired by the imperfectly representative character of the gathering. Particularly to be regretted was the absence of British shipowners, due to the fact that the workers' delegates had not been chosen by the National Union of Seamen, the chief lower-deck organisation with whom the owners' negotiations are conducted on the National Maritime Board. However, the main work of the Conference was to decide the principal points of questionnaires, the replies to which are to come up for consideration at a future conference.

It is interesting to see precisely why the recent Conference was held. In the first place, the Peace Treaty does not confine the scope of the International Labour Office to industrial workers, as some people seem to imagine, or even to land workers. Secondly, the very first Conference, held in 1919 at Washington before the International Labour Office (the permanent Secretariat) had been established, indicated that the principle of the eight-hour day was to be applied to maritime transport. So the Governing Body (the Executive Committee, so to speak, which directs the Office) called a Maritime Conference in Genoa in 1920. There a Convention on Hours of Work at Sea was very nearly adopted—another third of a vote would have given it the necessary two-to-one majority. The failure to adopt it nearly led to an international shipping strike but this, in part through the efforts of M. Albert Thomas, the Director of the Office, was avoided. In 1926, the Governing Body convened another Maritime Conference, and there a resolution was adopted that there should be yet a third Maritime Session, and that its agenda should include the question of Hours of Work on Board Ship. The Joint Maritime Commission, which advises the Governing Body on such questions, was consulted and decided in favour of the proposal and so, in its turn, did the Governing Body itself. Hence the Maritime Conference which met in Geneva in October. The Conference had not to take a final decision but only to discuss the subject generally and to decide which points should be put to the various Governments to elicit their views. When those views have been expressed, a further session will be held to take up a decision: if favourable to regulation of hours of work at sea, the decision might be either a Draft Convention (or Draft Treaty) or a recommendation.

The recent Conference had several other subjects to discuss—the welfare of seamen in ports, the protection of the seaman against sickness and the minimum of professional capacity to be required of officers of the watch. The absence of the British shipowners meant that the workers' delegate was not allowed to vote. However, every Government sends two delegates and each has a vote; and the peace Treaty recognises that a Government can still represent an industry of a country. The British Government then was able to vote; the British workers to state their views; and if the British shipowners chose to refuse to state their views, they are none the less perfectly well known—they are opposed to any regulation of hours of work at sea. Certainly it is unfortunate, as the British Government delegate observed, that the British shipowners did not themselves go to Geneva to state their objections and challenge the action of the British Government; that they should have "done" this through the mouths of shipowners of other countries is hardly what one would have expected of them. And it is also difficult to see why they insist that the workers' delegate must come from the Union of Seamen; why, for example, should not equally well be an officer of the mercantile marine? However, yet another Conference has to be held, probably next year, and, in view of the important questions then to be considered, it is essential that the gathering shall be fully representative of all interests involved.

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Canon A. C. Rose, vicar of Brighton, who was preaching had remarked that all men were equal in the sight of God, when a woman rose in her seat near the pulpit and, turning round to the congregation, called out: "He is a—"

There was a large congregation, practically all of whom rose from their pews. Canon Rose continued his address, while a steward requested the woman to leave. At first she refused, but when he asked for the assistance of some men sitting near her consented and went quietly.

Licenseless motorist at Brentwood—It was the first time I was allowed out after influenza, and I drove straight into the arms of a policeman.

Woman at Tottenham—I was leaning against the fence when he came

## CANTON GERMANS FORM RIDE.

## FANLING HUNT TO BE GIVEN INVITATION.

## INTERPORT MEETING.

Canton, Dec. 23.—A meeting was held yesterday at the Tungshui Garten Club, Tungshan, for the formation of a Canton Ride. Dr. Jur. W. Wagner, Consul-General for Germany, presided and there were a large number of people of all nationalities present.

After considerable discussion it was decided to form an organisation to be known as the Canton Ride to promote all forms of riding, hunting, and picnics amongst those interested in horse riding in Canton.

Captain R. N. Bjuke was elected Master for the first year; Mr. Gustav Hardt as Secretary; and Messrs. Ferguson and Balat to the General Committee.

It was decided to issue an invitation to the members of the Fanling Hunt to come up to Canton, at some date during January to be arranged, for the purpose of holding a first Interport Hunt under the new organisation in Canton.

It may be remembered that such a hunt was held here last year at Chinese New Year, when fourteen riders came up from Hongkong, but on that occasion it was at the invitation of a few riding enthusiasts in Canton, as there was then no active organisation in force.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

## DOCTOR'S WIFE AND CURATE.

## HUSBAND GRANTED A DIVORCE.

"It is said that the wife, besides having extravagance and a determination not to live a domestic life, but to go on the stage, brought about domestic unhappiness, in particular by systematic association with other men."

These words were used by Lord Merrivale recently when he granted a decree nisi to Dr. William Shepherd, of Doncaster, on the grounds of misconduct of his wife with the Rev. T. B. Powell, formerly senior curate at Doncaster parish church.

Lord Merrivale said that the parties were married in 1920. For a year they were very happy together. Two children were born and, apparently just before the second child was born, the relations became unhappy. That unhappiness went on increasing year by year, and by 1925 a state of things was reached which involved very great misery.

## Gravity of the Case.

"To add to the gravity of the case, the co-respondent, a clerk in Holy orders, was at the material times holding duties in that capacity, at one time in Doncaster and at another time in Paris.

The respondent is apparently a woman of about 35, the petitioner is somewhat older, a man of about 36, and the co-respondent about 36.

"The petitioner was cross-examined about an incident with a revolver on which I need not enlarge, a most unhappy incident. The facts about it really accentuate the view that must be taken about the deplorable state of the domestic life of these people."

"I hold in my hands two letters which—when her intimacy with the co-respondent was daily becoming more active—Mrs. Shepherd wrote to a man, Stanley Plowman.

"I do not read them; it would be an evil example that I should read one of them. But it is a letter in which she invites Stanley Plowman to misconduct categorically and declares her feeling with regard to him."

Mr. Shepherd was granted the custody of the two children.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## INTERNATIONAL MATCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

The following will represent Portugal v. China in an International match on Christmas day: N. Beltrão; R. Silva-Neto, S. Sousa; C. Roza; Pereira, A. A. Remedios, P. M. Xavier; B. Gomes, A. Ward, A. V. Gomes, E. A. da Rocha and J. Gomes; Reserves, C. Figueiredo and J. Santos.

To-day's League Match. Hongkong League, Division II, kick-off, 2.30 p.m.: K.O.S.B. Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Sookunpo Ground; Referee, P. C. Mellow.

## POLICY IN EGYPT DEBATED.

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permanently in the capital of a country we desired to recognise as an independent sovereignty.

It was still more difficult to defend such a position if the maintenance of the force was advocated, not as a means of protecting the Canal, but of preserving internal order in the country.

With regard to the Sudan, that question had been the subject of prolonged and anxious consideration.

From the notes which accompanied the Government's proposals, it would be seen that the Government were prepared to examine sympathetically proposals for the return to the Sudan of an Egyptian battalion, simultaneously with the withdrawal of British troops from Cairo.

Viewing the position from the viewpoint of the interests of the Sudan, the Governor-General had expressed himself strongly in favour of the conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement, and was willing to agree to the return of one Egyptian battalion to the Sudan.

It was decided to issue an invitation to the members of the Fanling Hunt to come up to Canton, at some date during January to be arranged, for the purpose of holding a first Interport Hunt under the new organisation in Canton.

They felt, however, that the conclusion of the treaty would create an entirely new atmosphere, and ensure that the relations between the two countries were inspired by a spirit of genuine cooperation.

Mr. Henderson pointed out that Paragraph Six of the present proposals as distinct from the Sarwat Treaty, imposed a definite treaty obligation on Egypt to ensure due discharge of her responsibilities for the lives and property of foreigners in Egypt.

He believed this proposal was adequate, and if the treaty was observed in the spirit in which it had been conceived, he believed it would be effective.

## Credit to Egypt.

We proceeded on the lines, said Mr. Henderson, that no agreement can be of permanent value unless credit is given to the Egyptians for a desire to operate the agreement in the spirit in which its provisions have been conceived.

Irritating restrictions, calculated to arouse suspicions, and which wound national susceptibilities, have been removed.

The purpose, so far as the British Government was concerned, was the establishment of a firm and lasting friendship with the Egyptian people by removal of those sources of suspicion which, in the past, have been the cause of so much damage to the interests of both peoples.

The Government believed it must regard the declaration of Egyptian independence of 1922, as having made a clean sweep of interference in the internal administration of Egypt.

## A Policy of Force.

Such interference, in his judgment, could only be maintained by force. A policy of force was hardly worth a moment's discussion; it was a policy for which to-day no Government would make itself responsible, and no Parliament in this country would support.

He believed, if the present proposals resulted in a treaty, they would open a happier chapter in Anglo-Egyptian relations.

It was his firm conviction that such a treaty by obtaining for Great Britain the friendship and support of Egypt, especially in times of difficulty and danger, would ensure the security of British Imperial communications far more effectively than occupation enforced in the teeth of the opposition of the Egyptian people.

He believed that through a newly-elected Government, Egypt would reciprocate the spirit of friendship and faith which had been reposed in them in recent months by representatives of this nation.

## Mr. Churchill's Jingoism.

Mr. Churchill expressed the opinion that the acceptance of the Treaty in its present form and the withdrawal of troops from Cairo was likely to lead to bloodshed in Egypt and a dangerous situation in the Mediterranean.

Sir Herbert Samuel (Lib.) said in his opinion it was most desirable that the draft treaty be carried out in the interests of the British Empire as well as of Egypt.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared that the rate of removal of troops from Cairo and Alexandria would depend primarily upon the speed with which the Egyptian authorities created the required amenities in the Canal Zone.

He trusted that the Nationalists would have commonsense enough to know that Mr. Winston Churchill was now out of office and that

## FANLING GOLF.

## STARTING TIMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Fanling starting times for the holidays are:

## Christmas Day.

9.24 a.m.—M. H. Turner and E. des Voeux.  
9.28 a.m.—W. D. Harris and O. D. Brown.  
9.32 a.m.—P. Morrison and W. W. Mackenzie.  
9.36 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and E. D. Lawrence.  
9.40 a.m.—I. H. Gear and L. R. Andrews.  
9.44 a.m.—A. C. I. Bowker and J. R. Collis.  
9.48 a.m.—R. Gordon and A. H. Potts.  
9.52 a.m.—V. M. Grayburn and E. D. Wolfe.  
9.56 a.m.—W. J. Roberts and G. E. Towns.  
10.00 a.m.—A. P. Bungey and J. W. Albinster.  
10.04 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb.  
10.08 a.m.—W. G. Lorimer and J. Forbes.  
10.12 a.m.—Capt. Davison and J. L. MacPherson.  
10.16 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield and G. W. Sewell.  
10.20 a.m.—D. S. Edward and D. Ellis.  
10.24 a.m.—O. Eager and W. J. Clerk.  
10.28 a.m.—F. Ellis and E. D. Black.  
10.32 a.m.—C. Mycock and J. M. McCredie.  
10.36 a.m.—A. H. Alexander and O. E. C. Marton.

## Boxing Day.

9.24 a.m.—O. E. C. Marton and L. G. S. Dodwell.  
9.28 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.  
9.32 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and H. Spicer.  
9.36 a.m.—E. Davidson and E. D. Matthews.  
9.40 a.m.—T. Grant and H. Hampton.  
9.44 a.m.—C. Mycock and J. S. Dykes.  
9.48 a.m.—W. J. Roberts and W. A. Butterfield.  
9.52 a.m.—G. Davidson and L. R. Andrews.  
9.56 a.m.—I. H. Gear and A. H. Ferguson.  
10.00 a.m.—L. H. Russin and E. D. Lawrence.  
10.04 a.m.—T. C. Monaghan and E. des Voeux.  
10.18 a.m.—A. B. Purves and A. O. Brown.  
10.12 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and S. T. Butlin.  
10.16 a.m.—R. Sturt and J. W. Alabaster.  
10.20 a.m.—A. C. Meredith and N. H. Prockter.  
10.24 a.m.—H. G. Sheldon and C. C. Black.  
10.28 a.m.—R. H. Wild and J. P. Sherry.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

## TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT ON CLUB GROUND.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Army on December 29 and against the Navy on January 2 and 3, to commence at 10.30 a.m.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, G. E. R. Divett, O. Moor, H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, J. R. Mitchell and J. R. Hinton.

Egypt had to deal with different men propounding new principles.

He refuted "the panic suggestion"

"that the Treaty would enable foreign armies to invade Egypt.

He pointed out that Egypt would be protected by the League Covenant.

The debate was adjourned.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

## AIR CRASH OVER NEW YORK.

## PASSENGER FLOATS SAFELY TO HOUSE ROOF.

New York, Nov. 20.—While flying at an altitude of 8,000 feet over New York, Charles R. Reid suddenly lost control of his craft, which went into a tail spin. When his efforts to right the plane proved fruitless, Reid told his passenger, R. J. Bailey, to trust to his parachute but he himself remained in the plane.

It spun downward over the mass of masonry of mid-town apartments while Reid worked frantically in the effort to bring it into the one open space available, Central Park. Missing this the plane crashed on to the roof of an apartment house in Central Park West with an impact that sent one of the wings hurtling to the street and left the rest of the machine a mass of wreckage. The pilot was instantly killed.

Meanwhile Bailey floated earthward and landed safely on the roof of the Y.M.C.A. building, a block away from the plane. A huge crowd immediately assembled to view the unusual accident and made it difficult for the police and firemen to reach the wreck, from which they had hoped to take the pilot alive.

VILMA BANKY.

## GREAT STAR ROLE IN NEW FILM.

Celebrating her newly acquired American citizenship by appearing for the first time as an everyday American girl, Vilma Bunki comes to the Queen's Theatre on Christmas Day as the star of "This Is Heaven," her second individual starring picture for Samuel Goldwyn. The difficulties of a Hungarian girl learning to accustom herself to the new and strange life she finds in New York make up the body of the story, which gives her ample opportunity for both comedy and pathos.

First seen as a frightened little peasant, muffled in countless petticoats and shawls, then in a neat waitress uniform as she slips hot cakes in a restaurant window, Miss Bunki shows a new side of her acting ability to her public in "This Is Heaven." James Hall, one of the most prominent leading men in Hollywood, Fritzi Ridgeway and Lucien Littlefield are prominent in the supporting cast.

Direction of "This Is Heaven," with its countless details of modern life in New York, was in the hands of Alfred Santell, maker of "The Patent Leather Kid" for Richard Barthelmess, who also acts one of the minor roles in the pictures. The story itself is the work of Hope Loring, long noted in Hollywood as a skilled writer of original stories for moving pictures.

Its plot, built about the complication of having the little waitress fall in love with a rich young man, believing him to be a chauffeur, gives Miss Bunki an opportunity to develop the talent for comedy which was widely commented on as being evident in "The Awakening," her last picture.

Almost a month was spent by the entire Goldwyn producing staff in New York last fall filming the exterior scenes in authentic localities in the Bronx, on Fifth Avenue and Ellis Island.

## FORMER STRAITS GOVERNOR.

## SIR HUGH CLIFFORD MAY FLY TO MALAYA!

## KEEN ON AVIATION.

Singapore, Dec. 17.—That Sir Hugh Clifford now owns a private aeroplane, that he is contemplating a flight to Malaya, and that all his old vigour and keenness have returned, are the cheering conclusions to be drawn from a brief but characteristic note from our late Governor which has been received in Singapore.

It will be recalled that a few days ago our London correspondent cabled that Sir Hugh expected to find his main interest in aviation, now that his career as a colonial administrator is over.

Sir Hugh's message, which has been forwarded to the *Straits Times* from Government House, is as follows:

"My wife is now in Cornwall and I hope will shortly proceed with her sister to the Riviera. I shall be there myself in my new Gipsy Moth 'Theban Eagle,' which was licensed yesterday, starting about January 20.

"Please tell my friends of all nationalities in Malaya that I hope during the year ahead to pay occasional visits to Negri Kita, borne by the same gallant fowl."

Our London correspondent cabled this morning that Lady Clifford is now convalescing in Cornwall.—*Straits Times*.

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## HAROLD LLOYD PICTURE.

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Speedy, Lloyd's latest comedy, released by Paramount, arrives at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, to-day for a five days' run. Lloyd introduces a new leading lady to his many fans. She is Ann Christy, a Baby Wampus star for 1928. He selected Miss

Christy for the part, as he thought she best typified the modern New York girl. The comedy has a New York background and many of the scenes were filmed actually in New York City, creating a departure in all Lloyd comedies. Lloyd's entertainment is another of the high-class brand for which Lloyd is famed. It has, at the back, the big idea that will always be found in a Lloyd comedy.

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## GARRISON NEWS.

### SUCCESSFUL R.A.O.C. DANCE.

A most enjoyable, and thoroughly successful, dance was given by all ranks of the R.A.O.C. last night. It was held in the Royal Engineers' Theatre in Wellington Barracks, and the room was tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, and a profusion of streamers, and other seasonal decorations.

A large number of guests included the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China (H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O. (A.Q.M.G., China Command); Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., Royal Engineers, and Colonel F. S. Exham, D.S.O., R.A.O.C., and a large number of Staff Corps and Regimental Officers.

Music was provided by the Lyric Band, and the dance terminated very early this morning with all present voting it an entire success.

### Boxing.

It has been decided to hold an Area Boxing Meeting in the New Year. Preliminary bouts will take place on the afternoon of January 9th, and the finals will be held on the evening of the following day, at the City Hall. Some good fighting should be seen, judging by the excellent show put up last week at Sham Shui Po by the Somersets.

The following Units, or combinations of Units will form teams for the purpose of award of points:— Royal Artillery, Somerset Light Infantry, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and all Departmental Units. The competition will consist of individual entries, to an unlimited number from any Units, and scoring will not commence until the semi-final stage has been reached. Every competitor to enter the ring in the semi-final rounds will be awarded a point, an additional point being given to each competitor in the finals, and an extra point for the winner. Thus, the winner of a weight will have scored three points for his side, a runner-up two points, and a losing semi-finalist one point. Byes will count as fights for the purposes of scoring, if at the semi-final round, but anyone disqualifying will forfeit his points for the fight in question.

Fights will be classified into weights, as laid down in the Handbook of the Army Boxing Association.

tion, and each fight will be of three rounds, of two minutes each.

### Last Postings and Appointments.

Captain F. C. Marriott, Royal Artillery, who is at present serving in Singapore, will be posted to Hongkong early in February.

Captain J. A. Agnew Wallace has been appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, now stationed at Tien-tsin. His recent appointment, notified a short time ago, as Adjutant of the 8th Battalion of the same regiment, has now been cancelled.

Lieut. F. M. Bucher, Royal Scots, is being posted to the 2nd Battalion now at Aldershot.

### Retirement.

Captain W. H. Williams, M.C., R.A.S.C., who recently left Hongkong for the United Kingdom, is retiring at an early date.

### Yesterday's Football.

31st. Battery defeat H.Q. Wing, S.L.I.—This game was played at a fast pace on the Happy Valley ground yesterday afternoon. Team:

31st. Battery—Malby; Oliver, Seal; Hall, Fletcher, Joyce; Cotton, Rodgers, Gill, Leach, Davy.

H.Q. Wing, S.L.I.—Wallace; Green, Neil; Hooker, Haywood, Bristow, Rayson, Guest, Earley, Baggett, Hancock.

The Somersets were the first to make ground, Rayson going down on the right and putting in a good centre, from which a corner was forced, though no advantage came from the flag-kick. A shot by Guest was intercepted by Oliver, to concede another corner, the kick going behind the line.

The Gunners got down to the other end and kept up their pressure, without being able to find the net, though a fine hard drive by Rodgers was well saved by Wallace.

The Artillery side were much the heavier team, and their weight told in the defence, where the Somersets forwards were often knocked off the ball by superior strength. Half-time was blown without any score.

On the resumption the first five minutes produced a goal, Gill obtained the first goal for the Gunners with a fine shot that Wallace could not reach. A shot by Rodgers compelled Wallace to dive at full length to save, but soon afterwards Gill was fouled in the penalty area, and Leach made no mistake with the kick from the spot. Continuing to attack, the Gunners made several runs near to the Somersets' goal, Davy having hard luck in sending just wide from a difficult angle.

A melee and some misunderstanding in front of the Gunners' goal gave Early a chance, and he lobbed the ball over Malby's head to reduce the Somersets' deficit. Play was taken at once to the other end from the kick-off, and Gill sent in a fast rising shot that almost burst the net. Some

end-to-end play ensued, the Somersets getting near the Artillery goal, and a shot by Hancock and another by Guest, were saved by Malby. About ten minutes before the end of the game Gill got through again, to score his hat-trick.

### Navy Matches.

Iroquois defeated Sterling at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon by three goals to one. Teams:

Iroquois—Wyatt; Sawyer, Harmon, Curtis, Nobes, Watson; Hall, Fell, Evans, Allsop, Wade.

Sterling—Darrell; Down, Malkin, Dorrian, Nicol, Edwards, Brenchley, Ford, McCabe, Palmer, Leek.

Both teams settled down early, and each side's territory was raided in turn. Danger threatened Sterling soon after the commencement, when Wade made a good run down the left wing, and put in a good centre, but the whistle was blown for off-side. Further pressure was put in by the Iroquois, and a corner was forced. Wade touched in front of the goal-mouth, and Sterling were able to make some headway.

A free-kick to Sterling from about 20 yards was sent across the goal, for Palmer to score with Wyatt at the other end of the goal. Soon after the ball was centred, Fell drove the ball into the net, but the referee disallowed the goal for off-side. Iroquois returned to the attack immediately, and Evans equalised with a difficult shot, the ball rebounding from the line.

Darrell and Malkin held out against several raids, but Iroquois were not to be denied, and shortly after the interval Hall headed in a pass from Wade which had been intended for Evans. A goal up, and the Iroquois forwards determined to consolidate their lead, and a few minutes after Evans took a good pass from Watson, and scored the third goal for his side. An accident to Ford, Sterling's inside-right necessitated his removal from the field, and weakened the attack to a great extent.

Sterling returned to the attack, and were certainly extending Iroquois, but their luck was out, almost always when they were near goal, and the final whistle was blown without further score.

Another China Fleet Football League game played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, resulted in a win for Tamar from Herald by four clear goals. Sorbie scored twice for Tamar, and Read and Hampson each got a goal. Team:

Tamar—Price, Brown, Robinson; Mr. Bunker, Carson, Burnett; Butler, Hampson, Luke, Sorbie, Read.

Herald—Christianson; Bagwell, Hocking; Pike, Jago, Harrison; Mills, Ross, Hammerton; Lt. Bamford, Williamson.

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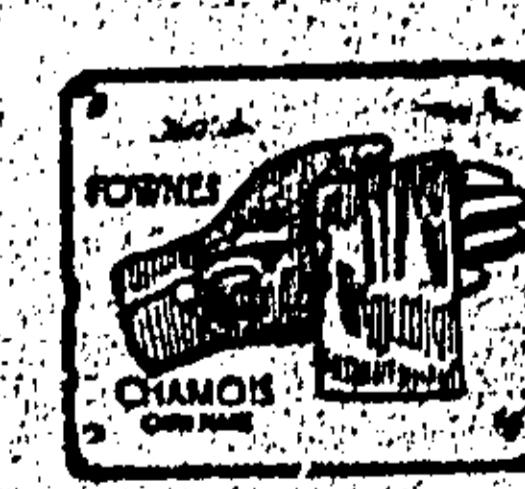
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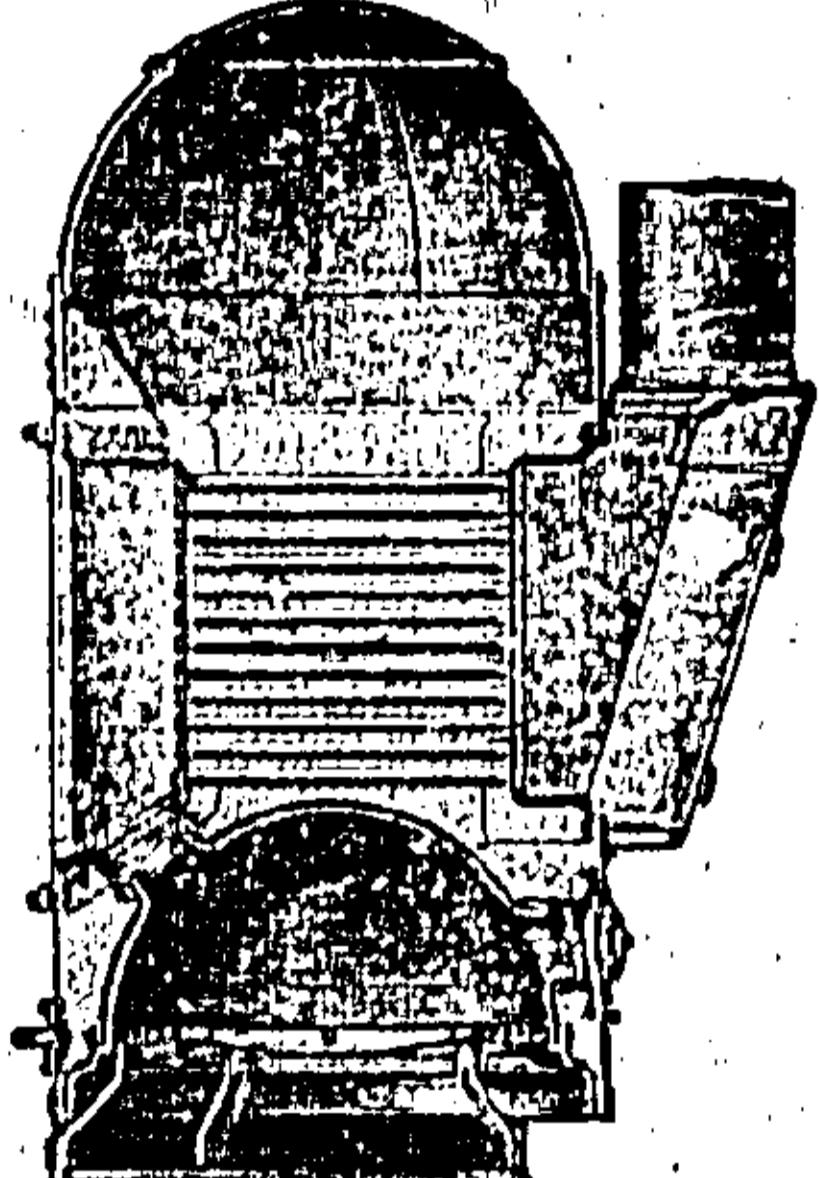
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1.45 p.m. Weather report.

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(Porter).

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"Arthur Meale, Arthur Meale,

"Wedding of the painted Doll."

(Brown).

"My flame of Love," (Nicholls).

De Groot.

"Minuet in G" (Beethoven).

"Faust" (Gounod).

Edward O'Henry.

"If I didn't miss you, you...

(Endor and Steinberg).

"I've always wanted to call you my Sweetheart."

(Endor, Steinberg and Ward).

Gracie Fields, Comedienne.

5.30-6.00 p.m. Children's programme.

6.00-7.00 p.m. Programme of Victor and H. M. V. records, etc.

"Song of the Flea,"

(Goethe—Mouspragsky).

"Barbiere Di Siviglia—La Calunnia,"

(Kamini).

Feodor Chaliapin.

"Minuet," (Paderewski).

Op. 14, No. 1).

"Moonlight Sonata—Adagio

Stepenuko,"

(Beethoven, Op. 27, No 2).

Ignace Jan Paderewski.

"Song of the Volga Boatmen,"

(Russian Folk Song).

"Shining Moon,"

Kirilloff's Russian Balalaika Orc.

"Cross Roads,"

(Klager-Axt-Mendoza).

"Marie," (Irving Berlin).

Franklyn Baur.

"Nights of Gladness—Valse,"

(Charles Anchife).

"Milicent—Valse, Hesitation,"

(Frank W. McKee).

Rudy Soiper's Shell Symphonists.

"Little Fall," (Johnson-De Sylva-Brown-Henderson).

"I love to hear you singing,"

(Lillian Glannville-Hayes Wood).

John McCormack.

"Caprice Viennese," (Kreisler).

"Humoresque," (Dvorak-Kreisler).

Fritz Kreisler.

"Clockenspiel," (Mené).

"Pastorale," (Gulmann).

"Arthur Meale and A. Neville Taylor,

"Hungarian Rhapsody," No. 2—

Parts 1 and 2," (Lanz).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

7.45 p.m. Weather report.

8.00-10.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese music.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

Christmas Day.

10.55 a.m. Morning Service re-

lived from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. (Approx.) Close down.

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"Jolly Fellows—Waltz," (Vollstedt).

10.30 p.m. Close down.

#### CHINA POLICY.

##### NAVIGATION RIGHTS TO BE ABOLISHED.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. T. Wang, outlining the foreign policy of the National Government for 1930 this morning, declared that in the coming year the work of his Ministry would be devoted to the abolition of foreign, inland and coastal navigation rights; the withdrawal of foreign troops; and the retrocession to China of the foreign concessions and settlements.

He added that upon Britain's own initiative, preparations were being made for revision of the Sino-British treaty, and a draft of this had already been forwarded to the British Government for consideration.

"Adequate" measures will be taken at the end of this year regarding the extra-territorial rights which were made during the current year, therefore they have not been in vain,"—Reuters.

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**NEW MONGOL REPUBLIC.**

**SOVIET REPORTED GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT.**

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The project for a new Mongol republic under Soviet encouragement in the district of Barga, as reported in official despatches from Harbin and Mukden, is likely to further complicate the vexed Chinese Eastern Railway situation.

Apparently trustworthy information reaching Japanese officials is to the effect that the Young Mongols took the opportunity of the invasion in November to occupy the towns deserted by the Chinese. At present Hailar is not held by the Soviet but by Mongols with Russian and Buriat officers, equipped with Russian arms.

Partial confirmation is forthcoming of the Russian statement made at the Harbin conference that Hailar is occupied by the Mongols and that the Russians are unable to compel evacuation.

The Governor of Hailungkang has reported on the Barga situation to Mukden, and Chang Hsueh-liang has despatched several Mongol Princes acknowledging his overlordship of Barga in an attempt to head off the independent movement.

Japanese opinion is that the Soviet may be encouraging the Barga development in order to strengthen their claim that the Chinese are unable to maintain peace in the C.E.R. zone, and hence the Soviet must share the policing of the railway, when the question arises at the coming C.E.R. conference at Moscow. — Reuter.

**NANKING AMAZED.**

**AT REPORTS REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN.**

Nanking, Dec. 23. The Chinese authorities express amazement regarding the reports that the Manchurian authorities have in any way prevented the international train proceeding to the Siberian-Manchurian border. Officials emphatically declare that the military measures of Soviet troops are responsible for the inability of the train to proceed to the desired destination.

China is most desirous that neutrals should visit the zone "ravaged by the wanton raids of the Soviet troops and make known to the world the responsibility of the Soviet in invading Chinese territory and violating the Kellogg Pact." — Reuter.

**MISSIONARY HELD.**

**STILL IN HANDS OF COMMUNISTS.**

Shanghai, Dec. 23. It transpires that the Rev. E.H. Livesley, who was reported to have been captured and held by Communists, is not in the hands of Communists but is safe at Hankow. Rev. H.W.E. Sandy of the Western Mission is still a captive. — Reuter.

[A previous message stated that Communists raided Tayeh, 50 miles south-east of Hankow, drove out the Government troops and occupied the town carrying off with them the Rev. Sandy, who was being held for a large ransom. The Rev. Livesley was reported to have been captured at the same time.]

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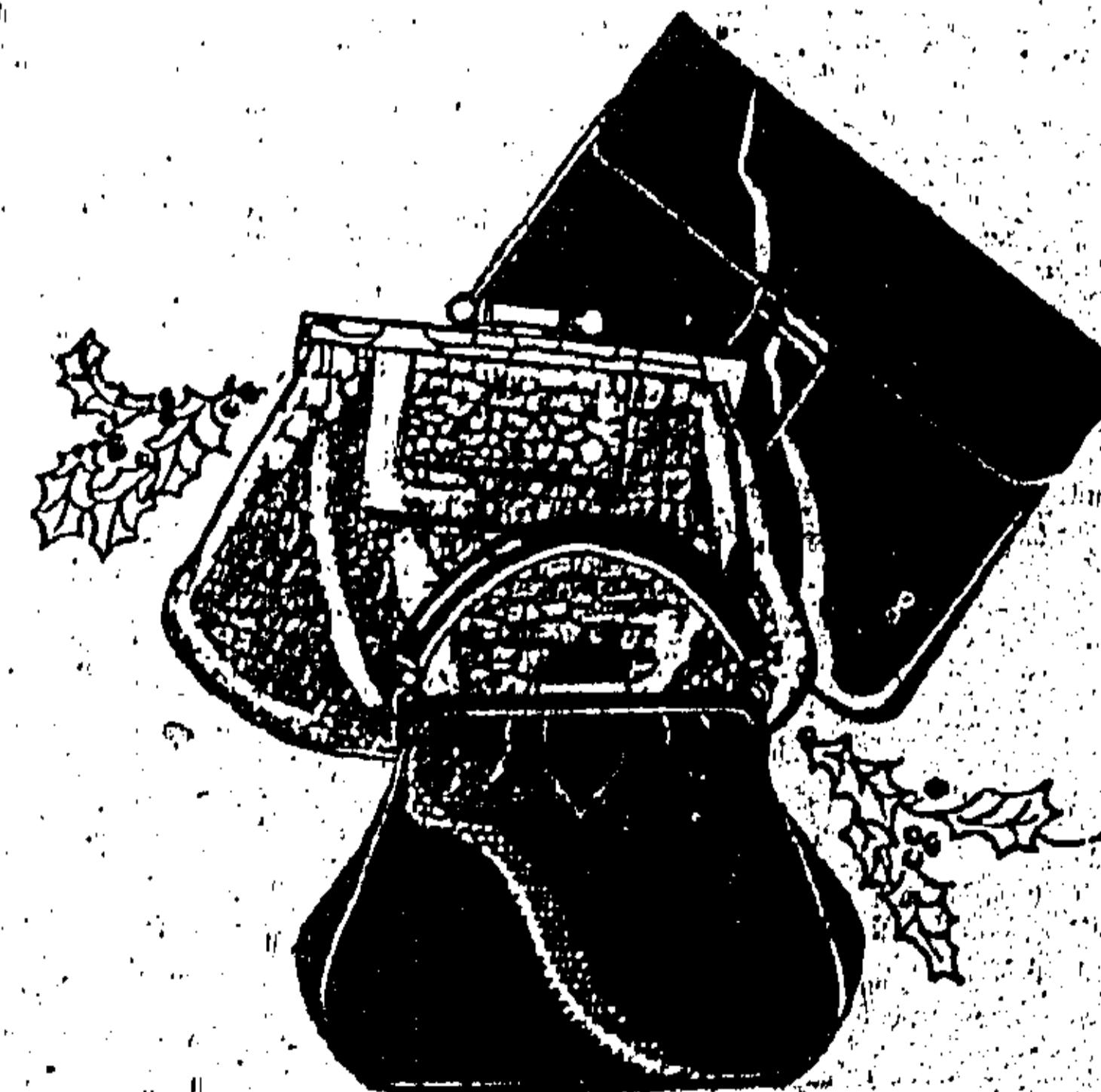
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London, Dec. 23.  
For the first time for more than forty years, the House of Commons will not rise for the Christmas recess until Christmas Eve. The House will meet to-morrow at eleven in the morning.

This afternoon, there will be a full dress debate on Egypt, in which Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Winston Churchill and the Foreign Secretary Mr. Arthur Henderson are expected to take part.—*British Wireless*.

## The Avenging Parrot

By Anne Austin

### CHAPTER XXV. (Cont.)

"I don't see how he could figure on the police not learning the connexion between the two women," Strawn objected.

"I believe he thought he was fairly safe on that score, by rummaging through Mrs. Hogarth's things and finding not a scrap of paper bearing Sally Graves' or Sally Griffin's name," Dundee answered. "Remember, he had already destroyed all evidence of that connexion at the other end—documentary evidence, I mean. And probably Sally assumed him that no living person besides her mother knew her real name. If she did not, the newspapers reporting the murder performed that service for him, by failing to unearth a single clue as to her past or to find a single intimate friend of the dead milliner. But—as usually happens—Griffin made one big mistake. He failed to notice that the lining of the trunk lid was loose at one corner.

"Well!" Strawn drew a deep breath, a mingling of incredulity and hope, as he reached for the telephone on his desk. "We'll see what your uncle, the police commissioner, has to say. This thing's too complicated for me. I'd rather take orders for a while." And he called a number.

Ten minutes later, Police Commissioner O'Brien strode into the chief of detectives' office, clapped his nephew on the back affectionately, then settled down in the only comfortable chair to hear Strawn's story of the latest developments in the Hogarth case.

Dundee listened respectfully, but as Strawn conscientiously repeated all of the amazing and unsupported deductions which his newest assistant had made, the boy felt a genuine affection for the older detective growing rapidly in his susceptible young heart. None of Strawn's own incredulity crept into the tale, nor did he minimize the fact that it was Dundee who had unearthed most of the new facts and made all of the deductions from them.

When he had finished, O'Brien's blue eyes were twinkling. "Didn't I tell you to park your imagination before taking your new job, Bonny?" he reproved his nephew fondly. "Well, Strawn, I suppose we'll have to humour this lad. Get New York on the wire. And ask for Inspector Holloway. He's a friend of mine and he'll know all about the Sally Graves case. I'll talk."

While they were waiting for the long-distance call to be put through, Commissioner O'Brien took time off from his affectionate "riding" of his nephew to impress upon Lieutenant Strawn the fact that the search for Emil Sevier must be pursued relentlessly.

"I'm not letting up on Sevier," Strawn growled. "As far as I'm concerned, he's still the man we're looking for."

The call came through, then, Commissioner O'Brien being fortunate enough to have caught Inspector Holloway at headquarters.

After an exchange of cordial greetings, O'Brien rumbled into the mouthpiece: "Listen, Holloway, have you anything new on that Sally Graves' murder? . . . Well, I've got some news for you, but I'll have to ask you to keep it quiet. Not a word in the newspapers until we give the word, or you may gum up a little party we've got on here. . . . Thanks, Holloway. I knew I could count on you. Now, listen!"

With an astonishing economy of words O'Brien informed the New York detective of all that had been learned from the documents hidden under the trunk lid lining—that Sally Graves was really Mrs. Daniel Thomas Griffin, formerly of Belton, Mo., and that her mother,

Mrs. Emma Harkness, known as Mrs. Emma Hogarth, had been murdered. He answered questions with the precision and rapidity of a machine gun spitting out bullets.

When at last he hung up the receiver he mopped his florid brow and beamed on his subordinates. "Guess I gave Holloway a jolt, all right. He says they haven't made the slightest headway on the Graves case, but can go ahead now on the tip I've given him. They're sending a man to Belton to-night, and I guess you'd better hop down and make it a pleasant little lassoo, Strawn. First, though I want you to get the Belton chief of police on the wire for me. It may not even be necessary for you to make the trip."

"The telephone company must be trying to make a record for service," the commissioner chuckled, when, after an astonishingly short interval, the Hamilton operator announced, "Ready with Belton."

"Hello, chief!" he shouted into the mouthpiece. "Police Commissioner O'Brien of Hamilton, speaking. I'd like any information you can give me on Daniel Thomas Griffin, a former resident of your town. . . . That's right, Griffin! Griffin! . . . What's that? . . . Good Lord! . . . May, 1924, you say? . . . Yes, yes, go on! I can hear you! . . . No trace of him since then? . . . Can you give me a description of him now? . . . No, don't bother to call back. I'm sending one of my men down to Belton to-day. He'll explain when he gets there. . . . Thanks, old scout! Hope I can return the favour sometime. . . . Good-bye!"

"Don't keep us in suspense," Strawn growled, as the police commissioner rocked back and forth in his chair, smiling significantly at his nephew.

"Well, Bonnie! Score one for imagination!" his uncle chuckled. "There's little doubt, lad, that Dan Griffin was a bad penny, but so far we have no proof that he turned up in Hamilton. . . . All right, Strawn! Keep your shirt on! Here's the dope: Dan Griffin, his wife, Sally, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Harkness, lived in Belton, Mo., until May, 1924. On May 10, 1924, Dan Griffin, who was a clerk in the First National Bank of Belton, relieved the bank of \$10,000 in unidentifiable bills of varying denominations."

"What!" Strawn's tilted chair legs crashed to the floor. "Mrs. Hogarth's hidden hoard!" Dundee grinned at his chief's excitement, but said nothing, though his blue eyes were glittering with triumph and excitement. "Maybe," the police commissioner agreed, "Anyway, Mrs. Harkness and Mrs. Griffin left town hurriedly a few hours before the embezzlement was discovered by the bank examiner, but Dan Griffin was not with them. He was trailed to his deserted home, which he visited shortly after his wife and mother-in-law had taken a train. But there his trail ended. He has so far never been arrested for his crime, and the police also failed to trace the movements of Mrs. Harkness and Mrs. Griffin."

"Did you get a description of Griffin?" Dundee asked.

"No. The Belton chief was talking from memory. Said their files had been destroyed in a fire two years ago, before he became chief of police, but that he could secure a description for me from bank officials. I told him not to bother, that I was sending you down to-day, Strawn. But I want that description as soon as you can wire it back—in code, of course. . . . And Bonny, you're in charge of the case from this end until Strawn gets back. I'll rescind that order about parking your imagination, but—keep your head, lad."

(To be Continued.)

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There were enthusiastic scenes at the close of the final performance of the Philharmonic Society's presentation of "The Geisha" at the Theatre Royal last night, when, in response to the demands of the audience, Mrs. F. G. Hunt, the producer, appeared on the stage, and in a short speech expressed thanks and appreciation to the audience for their wonderful reception of the production and to the performers

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Mrs. Hunt mentioned that she had omitted on the first night, to thank the electrician, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Griggs, the pianist. She expressed thanks to these two persons as well as to the two men who had assisted Mr. Smith.

Prior to the audience dispersing, an auction sale of the costumes was held from the stage, the proceedings being conducted by "Takemini" assisted by "Wun-hi". The offers for various costumes were liberal and at the close of the sale quite a handsome sum was realized. The kimono worn by the Marquis Imari in the second part was knocked down for \$150, while the ladies' costumes realized round about \$35.

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Since the Hanworth Club opened on 31st August there has been a continuous influx of new members. The Club now has over 600 members, and 145 have already been taken up for instruction. Out of these, 53 have been trained to the point of flying "solo," of whom 35 have secured their "A" licences as private pilots.

The oncoming of winter has done nothing to damp the ardour of the members to get into the air. The flying carried out in the course of the past eleven weeks amounts to 1446 hours, a total surpassing that of many an Air Force Squadron and far exceeding the record of any other flying club.

An equal keenness for flying is shown at flying centres all over the country. The Hull Aero Club, which was started by National Flying Services on October 11th, succeeded in flying a total of 87 hours during its first month, despite interruptions caused by bad weather. The Nottingham Club, which is working with one machine lent to it by N.F.S., flew 55 hours in September and 45 hours in October. With its excellent new aerodrome at Tollerton, provided by the Nottingham Corporation, it is one of the most flourishing infants in the flying club world.

At Reading, the Berks, Bucks, and Oxon Aeroplane Club started active flying with one machine on 23rd Sept., and proceeded to display its vitality by flying 81 hours up to the end of October, and adding another 30 hours by the 12th of Nov. Much of this flying was done with machine belonging to Hanworth" which was flown to Reading and back, every day.

Finally, the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club, which joined forces with

### COMING ELECTION.

#### POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The Diet was convened this morning, the formal opening in the presence of the Emperor, being on December 26. The Diet will adjourn for the New Year recess on the following day and re-open on January 21.

As the Seiyukai holds a majority in the lower House of 239 to 171 Minseito, representatives, it is freely reported that the Government has tentatively decided to dissolve the Diet about January 23 for the purpose of seeking a working majority at the polls after the Foreign and Finance Ministers have announced their policies.

Some close observers think it likely, however, that the Government will strive to postpone the dissolution until the Naval Conference in London has been concluded, as a general election during its progress would tend to distract the Government's attention.

Moreover, owing to the expense and disturbance of trade involved, many consider it inadvisable to plunge the country into the throes of a general election so soon after the lifting of the gold embargo on January 11, the immediate effects of which require careful attention.—Reuter.

National Flying Services on 15th October, flew 49 hours up to the end of the month, and raised its score to approximately 80 hours by the 15th November.

The National Flying Services has now completed 2250 hours of flying—for the most part instructional flying—without the slightest injury being suffered by any pupil. 25 aircraft, carrying the emblem of National Flying Services, Ltd., are now in commission, and this number will be substantially increased as deliveries are made of the Desoutter three-seater "Sports Coupe," and the Blackburn "Bluebird" machines. The first of the Desoutters are now being delivered.

Goods not cleared by the 30th December, 1929, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays & Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage Period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1929.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th December, 1929 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the 24th December, 1929 at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 31st December, 1929 or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JOHN MANNERS & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1929.

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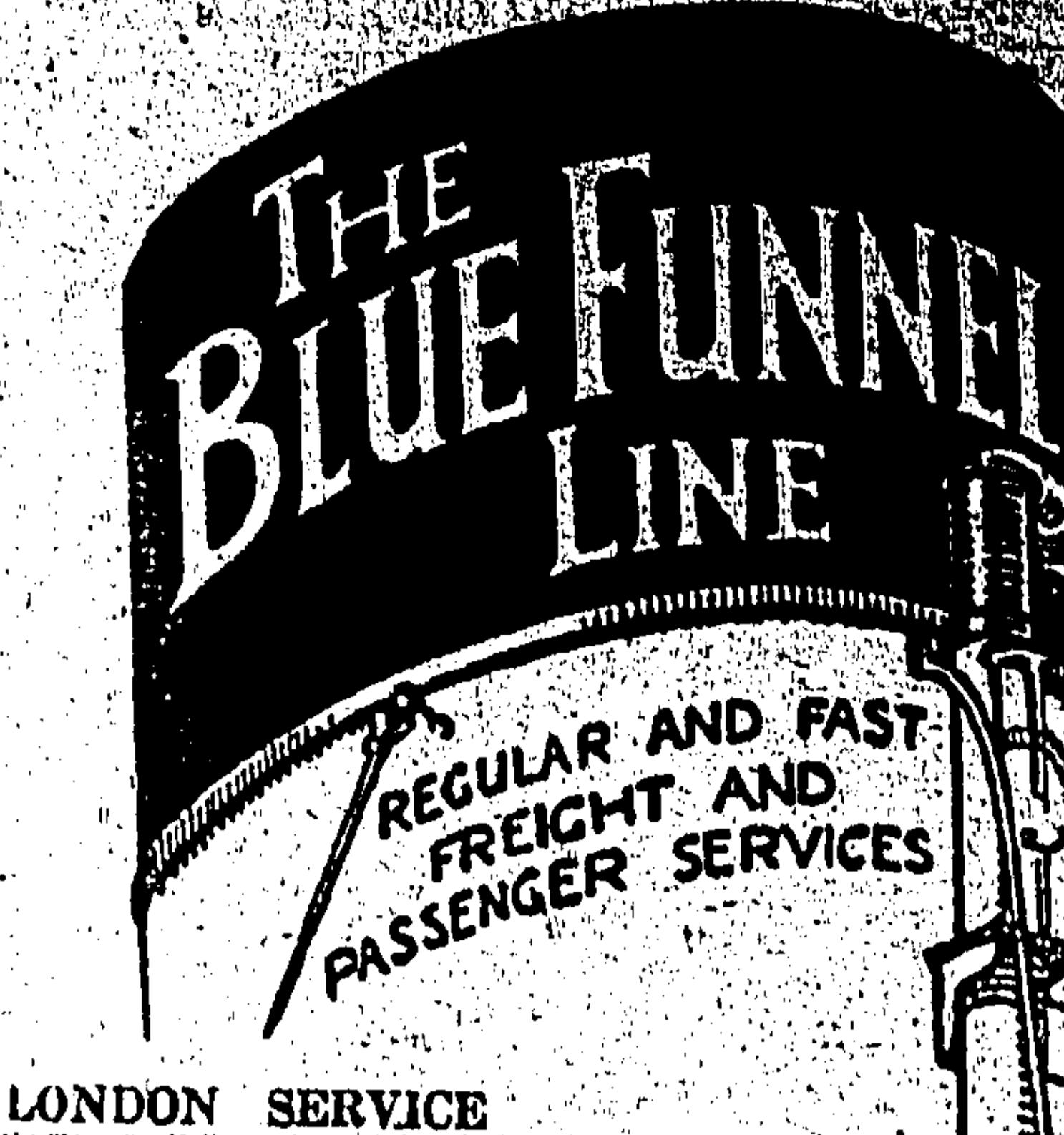
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1929.



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"PATROCLOS" 25th Dec. Alica, London, R'dam & G'ow.

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The Steamship,  
"URBINO"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by the sea are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 29th December, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 5th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage Period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by.

THE BANK LINE, LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 23rd, December, 1929.

## JAPAN'S MINISTER.

## CHINA UNABLE TO AGREE TO APPOINTMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 23. It is learned that the National Government will very shortly inform the Japanese Government that it is unable to agree to the appointment of Mr. Obata in view of the objection of the Chinese people. The opinion is expressed in influential quarters that the opposition to Mr. Obata is not directed against the Japanese people; on the other hand, the Chinese people are anxious to strengthen the friendly feelings between China and Japan and sincerely hope that the Japanese Government will soon name its Minister.—Reuter.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE | SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 5th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Measurer—Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday the 23rd Dec. 1929.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

## LES DOS.

Agents, Hongkong, 18th December, 1929.

## WIFE'S DEATH.

## TRAGIC NEWS FOR NEW ZEALAND AIRMAN.

Wellington, Dec. 23. The death has occurred here, suddenly, of Mrs. Chichester, the wife of the airmen Chichester, who crashed at Tripoli yesterday.—Reuter.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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## SERGEANT CHARGED.

## SHANTUNG OFFICER IN DOCK.

That he struck a Chinese woman in the temple, knocking her down, and then kicking her, were the allegations made against Pi Shih-hsi, the Shantung Police sergeant, when he was charged before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with causing grievous bodily harm to Lo Chak, a married woman.

Lo Chak, who was taken to the G.C.H. after the alleged incident, died there on December 7th from the effects of pneumonia, and the police officer was then charged with manslaughter, but this was amended to causing bodily harm when the case came before the court last week.

Mr. L. R. Andrews, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall defended.

## Mother's Remonstrance.

In opening the case, Mr. Andrews said that the alleged offence took place about 1 a.m. on December 2 in Water Lane, outside the rear of No. 41. The deceased, Lo Chak, resided with her husband and family at No. 44 Tung Street, but on the night in question she was sleeping at the rear of No. 41 Water Lane, with her husband and daughter-in-law, who worked as seamstresses. Her daughter-in-law had a machine there. About 1 a.m. she was awakened by her son, who was followed by the defendant, who arrested the son just near to where the deceased was sleeping. The defendant was on duty about that time at the junction of Hollywood Road and Tung Street, and about 1 o'clock, the deceased's son was walking up Tung Street, when it appeared that he interfered in some way with a Chinese female who was walking in the road, causing her to call out for help. The defendant heard the calls, and went to her assistance, but the son ran away to where his mother and family were sleeping. The defendant and the girl followed him and when they arrived on the scene, the defendant arrested the man in the presence of his mother, father and wife. The mother apparently thought her son was being rather roughly handled and remonstrated with the defendant and it was alleged that he turned and struck her on the temple, knocking her down and kicking her. After this, everybody proceeded to the Police Station and the deceased was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where she was examined by a Chinese doctor, and subsequently by Dr. Thomas. Both of them reported that they could find no external marks of assault, and there were no bruises or injuries. Deceased was detained at the Hospital and later developed the symptoms of pneumonia, from which she died on December 7. Just prior to her death she made a dying deposition in the presence of Mr. Grantham and Mr. Rendall, the most pertinent part of which was to the effect that the defendant "struck me on the temple and I fell to the ground. He then gave me a kick."

## Post Mortem.

The Magistrate asked if, in view of the fact that the woman died from pneumonia and not from the blows alleged to have been given, did the prosecution consider that the blows also caused grievous bodily harm.

Mr. Andrews replied that subsequent to the woman's death, Dr. Thomas held a post mortem, when

## "EVEREADY" CASES.

## CONVICTION WITHOUT PENALTY ASKED FOR.

An application for a conviction without penalty was made by Mr. D. H. Blake before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, in the case of the Nan King Manufacturing Co. and the Hui Chuen Printing Shop, who were charged in respect of possession of labels which were colourable imitations of the "Eveready" Trade Mark.

Mr. Hin-shing, Lo (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall) appeared for the Nan King Company, the Hui Chuen, being unrepresented.

Mr. Blake said that the Hui Chuen Printers were represented in negotiations with the complainants and, together with Mr. Lo, they were prepared to plead guilty to the charges. The prosecution were asking for a conviction but were not pressing for any penalty, as arrangements had been made on the same grounds as in the two summonses which were previously withdrawn.

The defendants had given an undertaking and ordered the destruction of the blocks from which the labels were printed as well as paid compensation. They had also agreed to advertise an apology.

Mr. Lo said that he had been instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall that their clients had come to terms with the complainants and, in consenting to entering the plea of guilty, Mr. Lo explained to his Worship that his clients had commenced business at the beginning of the year and, in introducing the design, which was the subject of the action, they had had no intentions of deceiving the public.

His Worship accordingly registered a conviction without penalty.

## U.S. PRODUCTION.

## A COMMENT ON THE CONTINUED DECLINE.

Washington, Dec. 23. The Federal Reserve Board's report states that industrial production declined in November, the fifth consecutive month, but the decline in employment is less than the decline in production.

The banking system is in a strong position and is prepared to meet seasonal demands in the coming weeks, without much increase in the money rates.

he found that the condition of the brain was injured, either through a blow or a fall. That was sufficient to justify the charge, in addition to the evidence they had to present.

Both Dr. Thomas and Dr. Koai gave evidence and stated that death was due to the effects of pneumonia. Dr. Thomas also said that he conducted a post mortem and found that the deceased's brain had been injured either by a blow or a fall.

The son of the deceased was another witness, but he denied that he interfered in any way with the female. He was walking along the lane at the time when a woman rushed into him and then screamed. He turned to go away and the defendant clensed him.

After the husband of the deceased had given evidence as to the arrest of his son and the manner in which the defendant had assaulted the deceased, the hearing was adjourned.

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## BOATMEN FINED.

## ONE MAN PUTS UP STIFF FIGHT.

In prosecuting two boatmen before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of being in possession of 14 pounds of dutiable tobacco and 3½ gallons of dutiable Chinese wine, Detective Sergeant Humphreys described the second defendant as a man of tremendous strength, who had put up a fight and did not submit to arrest until the officers had experienced much difficulty.

It was stated that the wine and tobacco were found concealed in various parts of the defendants' junk, which was lying in the Yau-mati Typhoon Shelter. During the course of the fight with the second defendant, who defied arrest until threatened with a revolver and a pole, a large quantity of spirits from one jar was spilled, otherwise the amount in the charge would have been more.

The Police found evidence of the wine having been brought into the Colony for sale here although the defendants had stated that they had purchased the spirit and tobacco for their own consumption. The raiders seized 15 large bottles of wine and, as the junk had arrived the day before their visit, the boatmen must have disposed of most of what they had brought into the Colony.

The junk, according to Detective Sergeant Humphreys, was engaged by the Kwong Wah Hospital authorities to transport coffins from the Tung Kun District and the defendants were probably carrying on a trade in illicit contraband as a side line.

Each defendant was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour on the first charge and a further \$20 or 14 days' hard labour on the second.

## FOR SERVICE-MEN.

## ENJOYABLE CONCERT AND DANCE YESTERDAY.

Some three hundred Service-men were the guests of Lady Clementi at Government House yesterday evening. Dancing commenced at 4 p.m. to music provided by H.M.S. Kent's dance band. A large number of ladies was present and the ballroom was packed. Tea was served in two sittings at 4.30 and 5 p.m.

After about an hour and a half's dancing, a diversion was created with the following enjoyable programme:

Duet, Mrs. Womack and Mr. Richards, "The Venetian Song."

Mr. Musson and Major Tuke, banjo and piano.

Song, Mrs. Womack, Waltz Song from "Tom Jones."

Song, Mr. D. M. Richards, "Nelson's gone a-sailing."

Dick Barty and his Piano.

All the numbers were excellently rendered, and were enthusiastically received.

More dancing followed, and at 7 p.m. a further programme was presented, consisting of the following:

Duet, Mrs. Womack and Mr. Richards, "The Merry Month of May."

Mr. Musson and Major Tuke, banjo and piano.

Song, Mr. Richards, "Leaning."

Song, Mrs. Womack, "Bohemian."

Dick Barty and his piano.

These items were also enthusiastically received, and it was with great difficulty that Dick Barty was allowed to forsake his comic songs and play the "King," thus bringing to a close what was unanimously voted by all a really jolly evening.

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## BAILED AT \$1,000.

Three charges of stealing motor car accessories were preferred against a Chinese, name Kwok Sui-kan, the owner of public motor vehicle No. 26, at the Central Magistracy this morning. There were alternative charges of receiving.

The complainants were the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Company; Lam Ying, of the Sang Yee building contractors, and Chin Si-ke.

The articles alleged to have been stolen or received by defendant included a motor car bumper, a jack, pliers, wrenches, brushes, etc.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the defence, and the defendant pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Mr. Rendall asked for a date to be fixed for hearing, and applied for bail.

Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, said he must fix bail at \$1,000, as the police were bound to regard the alleged offences as serious, as car thefts in the Colony were becoming common, and this was not an isolated case.

Mr. Rendall pointed out that the defendant earned his living in Hongkong by means of owning a public car, and he was not likely to run away.

The case is to be heard on Monday next.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE  
OF VICEROY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Lord Irwin and his staff were returning to Delhi at the conclusion of a most successful tour of the leading Indian states. The bomb was placed on the rail and exploded as the train passed over. The whole of the train was considerably shaken but nevertheless arrived at Delhi punctually. The opinion is expressed that the outrage was an attempt at sabotage against a conference with the Nationalist leaders.

The Viceroy's train was travelling at fifty miles an hour in a thick fog, two miles outside the New Delhi station, where the Viceroyal welcome heard the detonation, at first attributed to a fog signal.

A medical officer aboard the train first discovered the disaster.

## Leaders' Wishes.

It was while visiting Hyderabad that the Viceroy received an intimation that the Nationalist leaders, Gandhi, Motilal Nehru, Patel, Jinnah and Sir Tej Sapru, wished to give him their views on the recent announcement regarding a round table conference on the future constitution of India. The Viceroy accordingly invited them to meet him at Viceroyal house to-day.

The meeting was additionally important as the All-India Congress opens at Lahore on Thursday to consider action to be taken by the Congress Party in view of its decision at the beginning of the year to start a campaign of civil resistance to British rule if Dominion status is not granted by December 31.

The Nationalist leaders' request to the Viceroy was construed as a bid to reach a compromise; hence it was thought the bomb outrage was designed to wreck any possibility of reconciliation.—Reuter.

INDIA'S MINIMUM  
DEMANDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Without the Governor-General's sanction, the Legislature, they suggest, should be incompetent to deal with the public debt and public revenues, religious affairs, British defence forces, and foreign relations.

The Committee also recommends that the India Office should transfer to the Government of India powers to raise loans and recruit services.

It feels that the Secretary of State for India should be assisted by two Indian Under-Secretaries, at least one of whom should sit in Parliament.

Finally, they propose that a Military College and a Supreme Court should be established in India.—Reuter.

PACIFIC AERIAL  
SERVICE.DIRIGIBLES TO CALL  
AT MANILA.CO-OPERATION OF IMPORTA-  
INTERESTS ASSURED.

## MAMMOTH AIRSHIPS.

Akron, Dec. 17.

The co-operation of steamship, airplane and financial interests in the first all-American Zeppelin airship line on the Pacific ocean was disclosed to-day in a list of new directors just added to the directorate of the Pacific Transport Company.

The new directors represent the interests above mentioned and their addition to the directorate considerably broadens the scope of the company, which formerly was limited to the Goodyear Zeppelin Company interests. The enlargement of the directorate was announced here to-day by Mr. Paul Litchfield, chairman of the board.

The company contemplates an airship line between the Pacific coast and the Orient. Hangars are planned for the West coast and the Far East, while at first only a mooring mast will be erected in Hawaii.

## BI-Weekly Service.

Earlier reports revealed the scope and significance of plans being laid for the coast to Manila dirigible service.

Financing, operating and building plans are all made for giant dirigibles which will cruise from the Pacific coast to Manila carrying 80 passengers and up to ten tons of express and mail, in bi-weekly service, reducing by one-third the three-week journey now made by steamships.

It is believed that the first commercial dirigible will be ready for operation by the end of 1932 and the full trans-Pacific airway will be opened before the end of 1933.

## Through to Manila.

"We contemplate going right through to Manila in our initial operation," says Mr. Paul W. Litchfield, president of the Goodyear Zeppelin Company, who was made chairman of the board of the Pacific Zeppelin Transport Corporation.

The dirigibles planned for the service will be the largest Zeppelins in the world. In design they will be similar to the two new Navy airships ZRS-4 and ZRB-5, which will cost approximately \$4,000,000 apiece to build. They will have an overall length of 800 feet and a gas lifting capacity of 6,500,000 cubic feet. The gas capacity of the Graf Zeppelin is 1,700,000 cubic feet and that of the new British dirigibles 5,000,000 cubic feet.

Four of these ships will maintain a service out to Hawaii, the trip requiring a day and a half westbound across the Pacific and two days returning. The difference in time will be due to the fact that the prevailing winds across the mid-Pacific are easterly. The through trip to Manila, a journey of nearly 6,000 miles, will be made in one week of flying.

## Emergency Mast.

"We have picked out a far point under the American flag," said Commander Hunsacker, one of the directors, "and that point, Manila, determines our present sphere of operation. Our only two known stopping points will be Honolulu and Manila. We will have an emergency mast probably on the island of Guam, but we will not make regular stops there. The question of the California base has not yet been decided upon. We are planning to build a large construction hangar somewhere in southern California. The site has not yet been selected."

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MUTINY OF TROOPS  
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## HOLD OUT TWO DAYS.

Further details have been received in the Colony regarding the mutiny of a number of Portuguese artillerymen at Macao. It appears that some seventy of these men revolted because of dissatisfaction regarding their pay, and that they held out in the fort in which they were quartered, from Sunday until this morning, when they surrendered and were disarmed. Loyal troops had previously surrounded the fort with the idea of starving the mutineers out.

When the a.s. Chuen Chow arrived in Hongkong at noon to-day, having left Macao early this morning, a Telegraph representative gathered from those on board that the trouble broke out at Monte Fort sometime during Sunday. The mutineers—about 70 in number—isolated themselves in their particular section of the fort and refused to obey orders until their demands for a revision of pay were acceded to.

The Government took prompt measures, calling all other troops on instant duty, and putting all available police on the streets to preserve order. Throughout the remainder of Sunday the mutineers remained adamant and the Government conveyed to them an ultimatum that unless they surrendered within 24 hours they would be fired on. A military aeroplane reconnoitred over the fort to make this threat more impressive.

Monday morning still saw the disaffected troops holding out and the Government again renewed its threat of strong action. It was not until early this (Tuesday) morning that the mutinous men gave in, and, as the boat was about to leave Macao, it was learned that the men had been disarmed and placed under strong military guard.

Throughout Sunday and Monday the people of the town were more or less apprehensive, few being seen on the streets, the theatres and gaming houses doing very little business.

The acting Consul for Portugal in Hongkong informed us that he received, this morning, a cable from the Governor of Macao briefly reporting on the affair. This stated that a small group of soldiers of the garrison stationed at Monte Fort, and led by a sergeant suspected of advanced ideas, rebelled on Sunday and disregarded the orders of the Government.

The telegram states that the mutinous troops were immediately surrounded and they submitted this morning to military force. No casualties occurred, and all parties responsible have been handed over to a military Tribunal.

It is added that the city is perfectly quiet and normal.

REMOVING TRADE  
UNCERTAINTY.MR. SNOWDEN ON REPEAL  
OF DUTIES.

## BUDGET POSSIBILITY.

London, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons to-day, with a view to "removing industrial uncertainty regarding procedure in the event of the silk, sugar, McKenna and Safeguarding Duties being repealed in the next Budget," Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, made an important statement.

Whilst he declined to anticipate the Budget, Mr. Snowden said if the silk and sugar duties were repealed, some scheme of rebates would be devised to meet the position of holders of duty-paid stocks.

Regarding the McKenna and Safeguarding Duties, Mr. Snowden said drawbacks on duty-paid exports would continue to be paid.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has already made it known that various Safeguarding Duties will not be renewed after the period of which they have been imposed.—Reuter.

WAR MATERIALS FROM  
GERMANY.EXPORTATION TO CHINA  
QUERIED.

London, Dec. 23.

During question-time in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, stated that evasions of the prohibition of the German export of war materials had so far been insufficiently important to justify the attention of the League of Nations Council being drawn thereto.

Mr. Frederick Hall asked whether the proposed exportation of sixteen railway trucksloads of munitions to China was insufficient to justify intervention.

Mr. Henderson promised to consider an inquiry into the matter if Sir Frederick Hall would provide him with information.—Reuter.

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